

express

NISSAN SHIFT
ENISSANS.COM
 CLICK AND SAVE QUOTES
 NISSANS FOR LESS
 ALL MODELS
 QUICK RESPONSE
1-800-NEW-NISSAN
1-800-639-6477
CALL & SAVE

A PUBLICATION OF **The Washington Post** | WWW.WASHINGTONPOST.COM/EXPRESS | WEEKDAY EDITION | >> **FREE** <<

Wednesday

DECEMBER 10, 2003

'One China': Bush warns Taiwan over independence | **3**

N.D. Search: Sheriff says missing student likely dead | **4**

War Crimes: Iraqi council approves plan to prosecute | **5**



HEISMAN HOPEFUL: Pittsburgh's Larry Fitzgerald may have the best case. **Sports** | Page 12

Holiday Movies: *Cold Mountain* vies for your leisure dollars. Plus, *Offspring* | *Guerrilla Girls* | *Ben Stiller Show* and more

>> **13-15**

Weather > Showers



50 | 44

FULL FORECAST ON PAGE 22

D.C. Schools to Cut 771 Jobs

Up to 545 teachers face layoffs over \$38M budget shortfall

WASHINGTON | Hundreds of D.C. Public Schools employees may get pink slips for Christmas.

Officials announced Tuesday that 771 positions would be abolished. As many as 545 teachers and 226 administrative and support personnel will learn before Jan. 1 whether they will lose their jobs.

"The timeline does unfortunately coincide with the end of December," said Louis

J. Erste, chief operating officer of DCPS. Under union rules, 30 days' notice must be given, meaning letters must go out by Dec. 29 for the cuts to take effect when the current semester ends Jan. 29.

The decision, adopted by the D.C. Board of Education at a Nov. 19 meeting, was announced after rumors of impending layoffs began circulating among the school system's 14,058 full- and part-time workers.

The school system has to cut personnel spending by \$38 million, in part to cover the cost of a negotiated raise for contract employees. While \$19 million in cuts were made in other areas, officials said abolishing positions now could avoid the need for even more cuts in the future.

Plans call for the system's acting superintendent to identify positions to be cut by Friday. One week later, administrators and managers are to decide which employees should be eliminated. **DERRILL HOLLY (AP)**

ELECTION 2004 | GORE'S GUY



THE DEAN TEAM: Former Vice President Al Gore endorsed Howard Dean's presidential bid Tuesday, praising the front-runner's fervent opposition to the Iraq war while urging Democrats to unite behind Dean five weeks before the first votes are cast. **Democrats debate** | Page 3

Mild Quake Gives Region The Shakes

WASHINGTON | A mild earthquake shook the Washington area Tuesday, rattling homes and office buildings but causing no significant damage and no casualties.

The quake, centered 20 to 30 miles west of Richmond, struck at 3:59 p.m. The U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, Va., pegged the temblor at 4.5 on the Richter scale and said it could be felt from Baltimore-Washington International Airport to North Carolina.

The last quake of significance to hit Virginia was reported in April 1959, but it caused only minor damage. Virginia's largest earthquake, which registered a magnitude of 5.6, occurred in 1897 and was centered in Giles County.

The only fatalities reported by the Geological Survey came in 1833, when two miners were killed in the panic caused by a quake that rocked Brown's Coal Pits, near Dover Mills, about 18 miles from Richmond.

WILLIAM BRANIGAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

THE KING | Rhinestone Cabbies The King could be your cabbie under Seattle's new taxi driver dress code. The city council voted Monday to approve legislation that would allow drivers to sport rhinestone capes, blue suede shoes or whatever other appropriate cos-



tume they wish. "Uh, a-thank you verrah much," cabbie Dave Groh, an Elvis Presley impersonator, said after the vote. Groh adopted an Elvis look two years ago, but he battled with the city over whether he could continue driving as the King. **(AP) EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

LINGUISTICS

Angry Dude

Juan Olivares, the mayor of Arvin, Calif., had just one request of a Kern County sheriff's deputy during a traffic stop — "Don't call me dude." Olivares planned to file an official complaint with the sheriff's department, seeking to have the deputy fired for what he

called disrespectful behavior. "I asked him five times, 'Please, officer, don't call me dude.' I'm not a dude. I'm 41 years old, I'm a businessman, I'm a Christian and I consider myself a gentleman," Olivares said Monday. The deputy stopped Olivares for having illegally tinted windows on his vehicle. (AP)

LAW

Hot Pants

Police in Darwin, Australia, were quite unhappy to encounter a tourist who had allegedly stuffed a stick of dynamite down his pants. The incident was reported to authorities after the 19-year-old reportedly

tried to impress other patrons at a hostel with the explosives, according to a report by Britain's Sky News. The man was allegedly armed with a 20cm Powergel stick that could have destroyed a family car if detonated, the report said. Security guards arrested the man. (EXPRESS)

FESTIVALS

You're Not Invited

London plans a fireworks spectacular on New Year's Eve, and Mayor Ken Livingstone hopes nobody will come. Livingstone said Tuesday he has arranged a two-minute fireworks display over the London Eye Ferris wheel by the River Thames, but it's purely for the cameras. He said he wanted to create an extravaganza to rival the spectacular fireworks displays that cities such as Sydney and Los Angeles have become noted for, but doesn't want the hassle of gawking crowds. "It will just be a two-minute fireworks display," he said. "It will be a visual image to broadcast around the world." (AP)



KIM KYUNG-HOON/REUTERS

ANIMAL WATCH

Santa's Little Helper

When people ring bells and ask for donations for people in need, some passers-by ignore them. But monkeys ringing bells — now, that's another story. A monkey named Arong was just such an attention-grabber, wav-

ing a bell in front of a Salvation Army donation box in Seoul, South Korea, on Tuesday, Reuters reports. Arong is one of two monkeys officials at the group deployed in the South Korean capital to lure in donors during a charity campaign to help orphans and other needy people. (EXPRESS)



LAURENT GILLERON/KEYSTONE/AP

ART

Tell It On The Fountain

Have something you want to say to the world's leaders? Now you can. The "Helloworld" project by Swiss artist Johannes Gees invites users around the world to send online messages that will be projected via laser beams on a building in Mumbai, India; a mountain in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; the U.N. headquarters in New York and on the famous Geneva Water Fountain in Geneva, Switzerland. The project, which lasts until Friday, is timed to coincide with the World Summit on Information Society's meeting in Geneva. Spout off at www.helloworldproject.com. (AP)



NONSTOP WEATHER: Our five-day weather report has found a new home. It's ready and waiting for you — in living color, no less — in our People section on page 22. That's the page next to the page on the other side of the back page.

SUZUKI

IF YOU ARE PAYING MORE THAN \$200 A MONTH, COME AND CHECKOUT THE NEW XL-7, WITH ROOF, LEATHER AND CD PLAYER.

SUZUKI



New Arrival

2004 SUZUKI FORENZA

AC, CD, PS, PW and PB
Stk. # S-826

\$11,983

PLUS: TAX, TAGS AND FREIGHT



2003 SUZUKI XL-7 Touring Edition

3RD ROW SEATING, AC and CD
Stk. # S-761

\$18,907

PLUS: TAX, TAGS AND FREIGHT



2004 SUZUKI FORENZA

AUTO, AC, PWR. WND., PWR. DOORS and PWR. LOCKS
Stk. # S-824

\$12,752

PLUS: TAX, TAGS AND FREIGHT

John Koons Suzuki

Half Mile from Branch Ave. Metro Station
5001 Auth Way Marlow Heights, MD 20746
Exit 7B off of the Beltway
(877) 639-5626
www.jkoons3.com

Branch Ave.
Metro Station

Auth Way

Koons SUZUKI
Half Mile from Metro

Branch Ave.

OPEN
9-9 WEEKDAYS
9-7 SATURDAY



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and President Bush take reporters' questions Tuesday, as Bush cautioned Taiwan against any "unilateral" steps toward independence.

Bush Warns Taiwan Not To Pursue Independence

WASHINGTON | With visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao at his side, President Bush sent a strong warning to Taiwan on Tuesday not to take any action toward independence that could cause tensions with Beijing. "We oppose any unilateral decision by either China or Taiwan to change the status quo," Bush said when asked about a planned March 20 vote in Taiwan on China.

The planned March referendum, coupled with a changing international situation, has led Bush to speak in harsher tones to democratic Taiwan as he pursues a deeper rela-

tionship with authoritarian China, particularly on security issues.

The planned referendum would ask the people of Taiwan if the government should demand China's withdrawal of hundreds of missiles pointed at the island. U.S. officials believe the vote could push Taiwan closer to independence.

Bush reaffirmed the long-standing U.S. view that there is only one China, and differences between the mainland and Taiwan, which Beijing considers a rebellious province, should be resolved peacefully.

GEORGE GEDDA (AP)

HUD Secretary Martinez Resigns

WASHINGTON | Mel Martinez resigned as secretary of President Bush's Department of Housing and Urban Development on Tuesday and was expected to run for a Senate seat in Florida.

Martinez, the Cuban-born former chief executive of Florida's Orange County, has been near the bottom of polls that listed him among possible Senate contenders though he had not announced he would run.

3 Charged in R.I. Club Fire

Club owners, band's tour manager arraigned in death of 100 people

WARWICK, R.I. | The owners of the nightclub where 100 people were killed in a fire last February were indicted on involuntary manslaughter charges Tuesday along with the tour manager for the heavy metal band whose pyrotechnics sparked the blaze.

Club owners Jeffrey and Michael Derderian and Great White tour manager Dan Biechele were each charged with 200 counts of involuntary manslaughter — two for each death.

Attorney General Patrick Lynch said the men were charged with two



Michael Derderian, left, stands in court with his brother Jeff Derderian, center, and their attorney Jeff Pine during their arraignment Tuesday in Warwick, R.I.

types of manslaughter: one for "gross negligence," the other for committing a misdemeanor such as a fire code violation that led to a death.

All three men pleaded innocent

Tuesday, and they were released after posting bail. Bail for the club owners was set at \$5,000 cash, while bail for Biechele was set at \$10,000 cash. BROOKE DONALD (AP)

HEARSAY | IRAQ

"We're going to win. That's it. And it's not going to be easy. Nothing worthwhile is ever easy."

— GEN. RICHARD MYERS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF,
RESPONDING TO A QUESTION TUESDAY ON
THE STATUS OF THE CONFLICT IN IRAQ.

Dems Say Race Isn't Over Despite Gore Endorsement

DURHAM, N.H. | Eight Democratic presidential contenders on Tuesday strongly disputed that Howard Dean was the party's best chance for beating President Bush, or that former Vice President Al Gore's endorsement of the front-runner would seal the nomination.

"This race is not over," declared Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts as the candidates gathered in this first-in-the-nation primary state for the year's eighth and final debate.



Supporters of Howard Dean and John Kerry clash outside the N.H. debate.

One of the debate's moderators, ABC's Ted Koppel, invited the field of nine candidates to "raise your hand if you believe that Gov. Dean can beat George Bush."

Only one, Dean, raised his hand.

RON FOURNIER (AP)

After Gore: Howard Dean's opponents say they still have a shot at the Democratic presidential nomination | More on the debate at washingtonpost.com/politics



IT'S GINGERBREAD LATTE WEDNESDAY!

Purchase a Gingerbread Latte at participating Starbucks in the DC Metro area on Wednesdays through December 24th and Starbucks will donate 10¢ of the purchase price to Starlight Children's Foundation®.



For more information about this charity visit www.starlight.org

the
Complement

1-800-LUGGAGE.COM

WEB PRICES WITH NEIGHBORHOOD CONVENIENCE

MD: Nicholson Lane (White Flint Plaza) 301-770-2700

VA: 656 South Pickett St. Alexandria 703-751-5600

KENNETH COLE • VICTORINOX • SAMSONITE
AMERICAN TOURISTER • ATLANTIC • 9 WEST
PATHFINDER • BRIGGS & RILEY • RICARDO
JUMP • HIGH SIERRA • DELSEY • JACK GEORGES

LUGGAGE
HANDBAGS
WALLETS
DUFFELS
CARTOP CARRIERS

SAVE UP TO
70%

BUSINESS CASES
BACKPACKS
WHEELED TOTES
ACCESSORIES
GIFTS

ATLANTIC

**VIRTUAL
OFFICE**

• 2520 D Ballistic Nylon
• Computer Case and
Wheeled Overnighter
3 bags in 1!

SAVE
65%

Reg. \$340
SALE \$119.99



Allergies?

Does your home have sick house syndrome? Dust mites, molds and food can cause allergies. Cold-like symptoms, sinus infection or fatigue may be the result. Our Physicians have the latest medicine to help you feel better—quickly, safely and easily all without those painful scratch tests.

Allergy Care Centers

Care for All Seasons

800.287.2829

Please call for an appointment • MyAllergyCare.com

We Participate with Most Health Plans • Offices Conveniently Located in:
Chantilly, North Potomac, Vienna, Wheaton Plaza, Gaithersburg, Springfield, Sterling

Nation

N.D. Student Likely Dead, Sheriff Says

Blood from knife in suspect's car matches Dru Sjodin's DNA

GRAND FORKS, N.D. | Missing college student Dru Sjodin is probably dead, the sheriff said Tuesday in confirming that preliminary DNA tests found Sjodin's blood in the car of the man suspected of kidnapping her.

"I certainly hate to be discouraging to the family or anyone, but it looks to me now that it's more of a recovery mission than a rescue," Grand

Forks County Sheriff Dan Hill said.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Hill also revealed that searchers found a shoe belonging to the University of North Dakota student near the Red Lake River after she disappeared. Sjodin was last heard from Nov. 22, calling her boyfriend on a cell phone from the parking lot of a Grand Forks mall where she worked at a Victoria's Secret.

The shoe was identified by a college roommate of Sjodin, 22. It is the only piece of clothing recovered so far, Hill said.

An affidavit unsealed later Tuesday had only one new piece of information: Rodriguez's account of his whereabouts at the time Sjodin disappeared. According to the affidavit, Rodriguez told police he was watching a movie, "Once Upon a Time in Mexico" at about 7 p.m. that night. Police said the movie wasn't being shown at any theater near the mall that day.

Rodriguez, 50, has been charged in Sjodin's kidnapping. He has said through his attorney that he is innocent. DAVE KOLPACK AND CURT WOODWARD (AP)

WINTER WEATHER | SNOW-BLOWN



WIND VS. WILL: Aislynn Boor, 7, and Kyrsten Burns, 10, fight snow and wind gusts of more than 30 mph as they walk home from school in Hutchinson, Kan., on Tuesday. The storm dropped several inches of wet snow, leading to snowpacked roads from central Kansas to the Colorado border.

Memo: Jackson Cleared Earlier of Boy's Allegations

LOS ANGELES | Child welfare investigators earlier this year found there was no basis for allegations that Michael Jackson had abused the boy now accusing him of molestation, according to a confidential memo.

The memo from an administrator with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services was based on an investigation last February and was leaked to the Web site thesmokinggun.com, which posted it Tuesday. A source familiar with the document confirmed its authenticity to The Associated Press.

Both the boy and his brother told investigators Jackson had not sexually abused them, according to the memo. Their older sister said she had never witnessed anything sexually inappropriate between her brothers and the entertainer. (AP)

In Brief

COLUMBUS, OHIO

15th Shooting Added to Ohio Highway Attack Investigation

A bullet hole found in a van has been linked to a string of shootings, bringing the total number of cases under investigation to 15, authorities said Tuesday. The shooting at a used car lot on U.S. Highway 23 was reported on Nov. 15, 10 days before a woman was killed while driving on nearby Interstate 270. (AP)

BOSTON

City, N.H. Announce Plans to Begin Buying Canadian Drugs

The city of Boston and the state of New Hampshire announced Tuesday they will begin buying prescription drugs from Canada, jumping to the forefront of a growing but illegal movement to take advantage of lower prices across the border. New Hampshire would become the first state to turn to Canada for drugs, and Boston would become only the second U.S. city to do so — after Springfield, Mass., about 90 miles west. (AP)

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Former Sen. Paul Simon Dies After Heart Surgery

Paul Simon, the bow-tie-wearing missionary's son who rose to become a two-term U.S. senator and presidential aspirant, died Tuesday, a day after undergoing heart surgery. He was 75. The southern Illinois Democrat's political career culminated with his election to the U.S. Senate in 1984. He retired from Congress in 1997. (AP)



Simon

In Brief

RUSSIA

Putin Offers Assurances, Says He Won't Amend Constitution

President Vladimir Putin said changing Russia's constitution was not on his agenda. Putin, who has remained Russia's most popular politician since his 2000 election, is expected to easily win a second four-year term next March. Some observers have suggested that he may later seek an extension of his tenure through a constitutional amendment to remove a two-term limit. (AP)

UNITED NATIONS

U.N. Votes to Take Up Issue Of Cloning in September '04

The deeply divided U.N. General Assembly agreed Tuesday to delay any discussion of a global treaty against cloning for one year, overturning the vote by its legal committee for a two-year delay. The decision, reached without a vote, means the issue of banning human cloning will be included in the assembly's next session, which begins in September. (AP)

ZAMBIA

Ex-President's Trial Begins

After months of delays, Zambia's first democratically elected president went on trial Tuesday. Former President Frederick Chiluba has pleaded innocent to 169 counts of corruption, abuse of power and the theft of \$43 million. Prosecutors say Chiluba diverted money from the Finance Ministry to the London branch of the Zambia National Commercial Bank, then transferred it offshore. Chiluba says it was used by Zambia's intelligence services to fund foreign operations. (AP)

MIDEAST

Israel Offers 75 Palestinian Business Owners \$338,000

Israel's Defense Ministry has offered to pay \$338,000 to 75 Palestinian merchants in the divided West Bank city of Hebron who were forced by the army to close their shops, officials said Tuesday, an apparent attempt to head off a costly court ruling. The Israeli Supreme Court is set to decide the case next month. A ruling in favor of the Palestinians could have great ramifications, forcing the Defense Ministry to pay millions in reparations. (AP)

2 Suicide Bombers Thwarted in Iraq

61 soldiers reportedly injured in attacks at American bases

TALAFAR, IRAQ | Suicide bombers — one in a car and another on foot — blew themselves up at the gates of two U.S. military bases, wounding 61 American soldiers but failing to inflict deadly casualties on the scale of recent attacks in Iraq.

Most of the soldiers were slightly hurt Tuesday by debris and flying glass, indicating that massive defenses — sand barriers, high cement walls and numerous roadblocks leading to the entrances of bases — have paid off for American troops occupying Iraq.

However, the image of U.S. soldiers increasingly hunkered down in fortified bases could undermine

their efforts to befriend Iraqis as the U.S.-led coalition tries to rebuild the country.

Many potential military and international targets in Baghdad and elsewhere now have tightened security, apparently prompting attackers to turn to civilian targets in their campaign to destabilize the country and undermine the U.S.-led administration. BASSEM MROUE (AP)

WAR-CRIMES TRIBUNAL**→ Iraq's interim government**

voted Tuesday to establish a war-crimes tribunal to prosecute top members of Saddam Hussein's regime, two people who attended the meeting said. The tribunal will be formally established on Wednesday. It remained unclear when the tribunal would begin trying Iraqis. (AP)



Iraqi men run toward a U.S. helicopter that crashed near the city of Fallujah on Tuesday. Witnesses said the helicopter was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade. The U.S. military said the two crew members walked away with "minimal injuries."

Najaf rising: More than just one city's renaissance, Najaf's revival is a story of shifting fortunes in the tumult of postwar Iraq | Today's Post: Section A

N. Korean Offer To Freeze Nuclear Program Rejected

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | North Korea announced Tuesday it would freeze its nuclear weapons projects in return for the United States providing energy aid and removing Pyongyang from a list of countries that sponsor terrorism. President Bush rejected the offer.

"The goal ... is not for a freeze of the nuclear program," Bush said at a news conference with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao at the White House. "The goal is to dismantle a nuclear weapons program in a verifiable and irreversible way."

The North's terms were seen as a response to a plan offered Monday by the United States, Japan and South Korea, which a Northern official called "disappointing." (AP)

CHINA | GRANDFATHER CLAUSE

RED BOOK: A boy stands next to a book about late communist leader Mao Zedong at a Beijing store Tuesday. The book by Mao's grandson is one of many on sale as China nears the 110th anniversary of Mao's birth on Dec. 26.

French Nab Key Basque Militants**Separatists blamed in more than 800 deaths**

PAU, FRANCE | French anti-terrorism police delivered a powerful blow Tuesday to the Basque separatist group ETA, arresting its military and logistics chiefs.

Spanish authorities said the arrests marked "one of the most important days" in the decades-long fight against the organization.

ETA, which means "Basque Homeland and Freedom," is blamed for more than 800 killings since the 1960s in its campaign to carve out a homeland from territory straddling northern Spain and southwest France.

Gorka Palacios Alday, the military boss, and Juan Luis Rubenach, in charge of planning, were arrested in the village of Lons, near Pau in southwestern France, officials said. Pau is about 35 miles from the Spanish frontier.

The arrests came a day after an ETA communique warned of more attacks. JOSE AROCENA (AP)

5 Slain by Suicide Bomber in Moscow

MOSCOW | A suicide bomber who may have intended to attack Russia's parliament blew herself up outside a nearby upscale hotel, killing five people and sparking fears of a new wave of terror attacks in the capital.

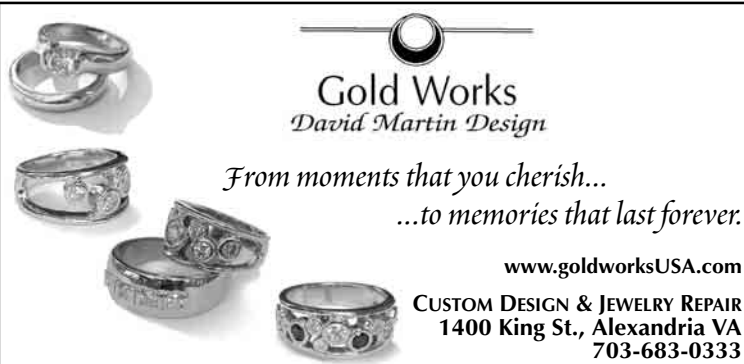
The bombing, which also wounded at least 12 people, came on the

heels of Sunday's nationwide elections for parliament's lower house and only days after a woman blew herself up on a train in southern Russia, killing 44 people.

Police were searching for a second woman suspected of involvement in Tuesday's attack, warn-

ing that she might also be carrying explosives. No group claimed responsibility, but past attacks — including ones carried out by female suicide bombers — have been blamed on rebels from the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

Nearly 300 people have been killed in Russia this year in attacks blamed on Chechens. (AP)



Gold Works
David Martin Design

*From moments that you cherish...
...to memories that last forever.*

www.goldworksUSA.com
CUSTOM DESIGN & JEWELRY REPAIR
1400 King St., Alexandria VA
703-683-0333

Washington To NY & NY To Washington

Transportation Provided by: Shamash Bus Corp. US DOT# 884858



Special Offer!

\$20 | **\$35**
One-Way | roundtrip

See Our Website for Holiday Schedule

WASHINGTON DELUXE BUS SERVICE TOLL FREE BUS-NY-DC
718-387-7523 OR **1-866-287 69 32**
WWW.WASHINGTONDELUXE.COM

FAST CASH!

\$200 - \$750

NO CREDIT? NO PROBLEM!

JOB AND DD REQ'D

888-257-7524

WWW.YOURCASHBANK.COM



Historic Alexandria CANDLELIGHT TOURS

*A charming holiday tradition in
Old Town Alexandria.*

Friday December 12, 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday December 13, 6 to 9 p.m.

Call Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 703-838-4242
or www.HistoricAlexandria.org for tickets & info
\$20 for Adults, \$15 Seniors, \$5 Ages 6 to 17

*Tour Carlyle House, Christ Church, Gadsby's Tavern Museum,
Lee-Fendall House, and Lloyd House. Enjoy holiday decorations,
music, and traditions from the Colonial to the Victorian periods.*



Produced by Carlyle House Historic Park, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, and Lee-Fendall House.
Generous support provided by City of Alexandria's Marketing Fund and Target Stores.
Additional support provided the Office of Historic Alexandria.

World

U.S. Tries to Shield Council

Taliban said to be targeting Afghan delegates

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | The largest U.S. military offensive in two years, launched this week, aims to knock Taliban insurgents off balance and keep them from attacking a historic constitutional council, the new U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad, said.

A U.S. military spokesman confirmed Tuesday that officials have

"specific" intelligence the Taliban and their al Qaeda allies are planning an all-out campaign to wreck the grand council, or loya jirga, due to start this weekend.

The loya jirga is considered a cornerstone event in Afghanistan's long path to recovery after U.S.-led forces ousted the Taliban regime. The delegates, who have begun filter-

ing into Kabul from all around the country, must ratify a new constitution, paving the way for national elections scheduled for June.

The gathering comes as Taliban insurgents have stepped up attacks in southern and eastern Afghanistan against civilians, aid workers and coalition forces. PAUL HAVEN (AP)

On edge: As Afghan militias disarm, officials warn the security situation is still tentative | Today's Post: Section A

Gay Men Win Appeal On Asylum

Bangladeshis who say they were persecuted seek refuge in Australia

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA | Australia's highest court Tuesday ordered immigration officials to reconsider asylum claims from two Bangladeshi men who fled their homeland saying they were being persecuted there because of their homosexuality.

The men, who had lived together in Bangladesh since 1994, fled to Australia in 1999 and applied for protection as refugees from gay persecution. Australia's Refugee Review Tribunal rejected their application.

On Tuesday, the High Court, Australia's final court of appeal, ruled by a 4-3 majority that the refugee tribunal should have considered what might happen to the men if they lived openly as a homosexual couple in Bangladesh.

The court said the tribunal must look again at the men's case. (AP)

HEARSAY | JAPAN

"Our mission to explore Mars is over."

—JUNICHI MORIUMA, JAPAN'S SPACE AGENCY
CONFIRMING THAT JAPAN ABANDONED ITS 5-YEAR MISSION TO MARS TUESDAY, AFTER THE NOZOMI PROBE, JAPAN'S FIRST INTERPLANETARY EXPLORER, STRAYED OFF COURSE.

NORWAY | NOBEL CAUSE



ATTENTION: Iranian dissidents in Oslo on Tuesday protest the Nobel Peace Prize going to Shirin Ebadi, a human rights lawyer from Iran who will receive the award Wednesday in Norway. Demonstrators say she hasn't sufficiently used her clout to condemn Iran's hardline Islamic regime.



BY THE NUMBERS: For the first time in six years, less than half of the European Union's citizens — 48 percent — believe membership in the EU is a "good thing," according to early results of a poll released Tuesday. (AP)

Pact on Corruption Gets Final Push

MERIDA, MEXICO | Top officials from around the globe signed the first worldwide anti-corruption treaty Tuesday, a move that may open banks to more scrutiny and allow some poor countries to recover billions of looted dollars.

The convention is expected to be signed by over 100 nations over the next three days. It will take effect once ratified by the congresses of at least 30 signatory countries.

In a written statement, U.N.

Secretary General Kofi Annan called the pact a "major breakthrough."

"It will help tackle a pressing problem for many developing countries, where corrupt elites have looted billions of dollars," Annan said.

The treaty requires governments to enact laws against corruption, protect whistle-blowers and assist other countries in detecting illicit funds. That could help poor nations like Mexico and Nigeria recover looted money kept in banks in Switzerland and the United States. (AP)

Court Grants Va. Access to Potomac

WASHINGTON | Virginia may withdraw water from the Potomac River to supply fast-growing suburbs without getting permission from neighboring Maryland, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

Relying on centuries-old treaties, the court ruled 7-2 in a long-running dispute over growth and development around Washington, D.C.

Maryland owns the Potomac

under a 1632 land grant from King Charles I, but a 1785 compact gave Virginia certain water rights. The states have squabbled over rights in the river for hundreds of years.

The most recent controversy stems from a 1996 application by Fairfax County, Va., to build an intake pipe extending farther into the river to serve its 1.2 million customers. Fairfax said its existing pipe

draws water that is too muddy.

"This is a major victory for economic development and quality of life in northern Virginia," Virginia Attorney General Jerry Kilgore said in a statement.

Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich said he wasn't surprised by the ruling since he understood that his Democratic predecessor, Parris Glendening, had pressed the dispute against the advice of his own top environmental regulators. (AP)

Psychiatrist Says Malvo Attempted to Kill Himself

CHESAPEAKE, VA. | Sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo was so despondent in the months before last year's sniper spree that he tried to kill himself, a psychiatrist testified Tuesday at Malvo's trial.

In the late summer of 2002, it became apparent to Malvo that he would likely die as a result of the "mission" he and sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad were about to embark on, said Diane Schetky, a forensic psychiatrist who twice interviewed Malvo in jail.

Initially, Schetky said, Malvo had thought the mission involved regaining custody of Muhammad's three children. Malvo identified with that plan, she said, because he felt abandoned by his own mother.

Schetky's testimony will resume Wednesday. Malvo's attorneys are presenting an insanity defense to



Dr. Diane Schetky leaves court after her testimony in Lee Boyd Malvo's trial.

capital murder charges in the death of FBI analyst Linda Franklin.

MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Defense: Attorneys for Lee Boyd Malvo continue to try to prove Malvo's insanity | washingtonpost.com/metro

In Brief

BALTIMORE

Coroner Finds No Evidence Of Restraint in Luna Death

There was no indication that Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan Luna was restrained or tied up when he was stabbed 36 times and left to drown in a Pennsylvania creek, a doctor who examined him said Tuesday. Dr. Barry Walp, the Lancaster County coroner, said all

the stab wounds were on Luna's neck and the front of his chest, including several deep neck wounds that caused internal bleeding. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Man Who Used Grenade in Threat Sentenced to 2 Years

A man who wielded a grenade in Union Station was sentenced to two years in prison Tuesday. Juann R. Tubbs caused a scare on June 9 when he walked into a store inside the railroad station. Tubbs, 38, dis-

played a silver hand grenade and threatened to pull the pin. Tubbs pleaded guilty back in August to several charges. (AP)

BELTSVILLE, MD.

Fire Shuts Down School

Investigators blamed a malfunctioning furnace for starting a fire Tuesday that gutted Paint Branch Montessori School. Classes were canceled Tuesday, but discussions were already underway about alternate locations to hold school.

JAMES CARVILLE PAUL BEGALA

BOB NOVAK TUCKER CARLSON

CROSSFIRE

WEEKDAYS 4:30 PM ET

CNN

THE MOST TRUSTED NAME IN NEWS

CNN.com/crossfire

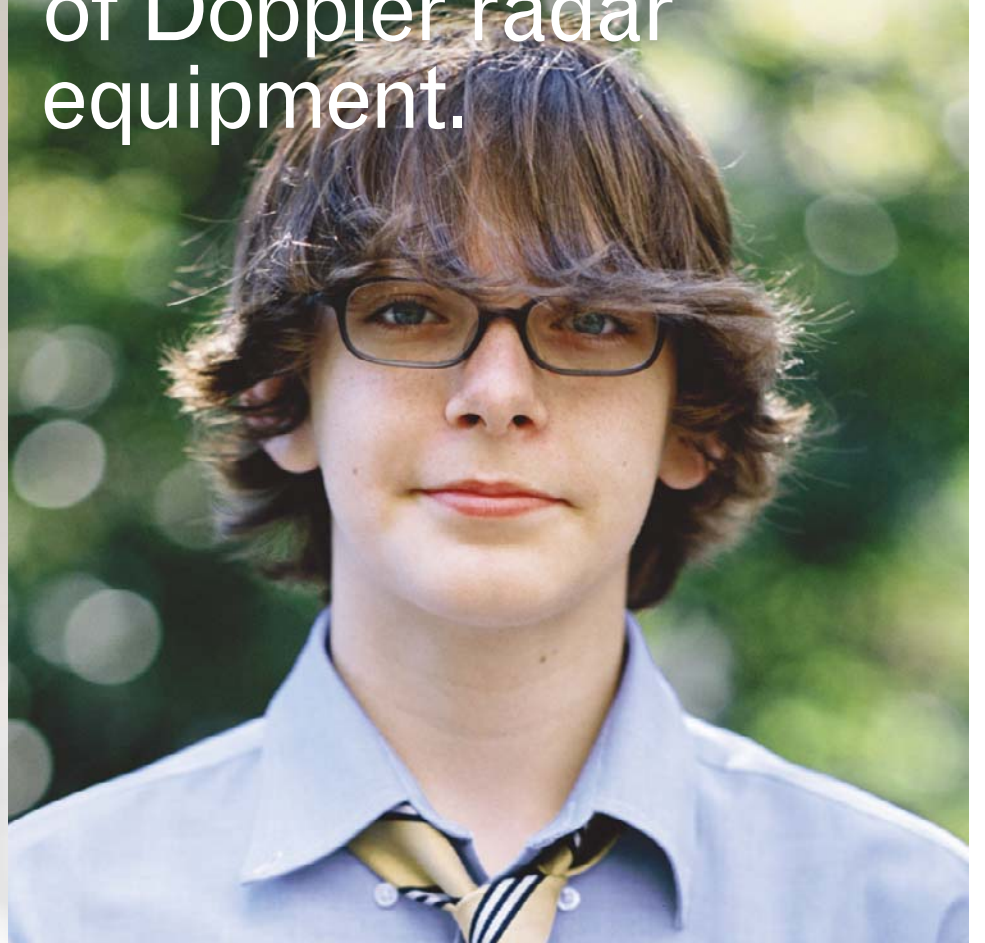
© 2003 Cable News Network. A Time Warner Company. All Rights Reserved.

Live from The George Washington University
JOIN THE STUDIO AUDIENCE
 To Get Free Tickets, Call 202-994-8CNN

I date guys
I find on the bus.



My pocket is full
of Doppler radar
equipment.



It only took me
32 games of Bejeweled
to get my oil changed.



I can fit a newsroom
in my purse.





Look what you can do with a free month of mMode.

Act now. Sign up for any mMode plan today and enjoy your first month of mMode free.

With mMode only from AT&T Wireless, there's so much more you can do with your wireless phone. Get up-to-the-minute weather forecasts. Download the latest games. Read breaking news reports. mMode can even help you find a date. And if you sign up for mMode now, you'll get your first monthly service charge free.

Call 1 866 reachout[®], go to attwireless.com/mMode, or visit any AT&T Wireless Store.

reachout[®] with **mMode**[™]
on the wireless service America trusts[™]



AT&T Wireless Stores

Gift Cards available at most AT&T Wireless stores - perfect for any occasion! Extended Holiday Hours available - call store for details.

ANNAPOLIS
2285-B Forest Ave.
410 571-8222

NEW
ANNAPOLIS MALL KIOSK
2002 Annapolis Mall
410 573-9891

ARUNDEL MILLS
Arundel, Mills Mall
443 755-8855

BOWIE TOWN CENTER
3921 Town Ctr Plz Blvd.
301 860-1623

CHEVY CHASE
5301 Wisconsin Ave.
202 244-6300

COLUMBIA
6490 Dobbin Center Way
410 992-0223

F ST., NW
1201 F St.
202 783-4999

FAIRFAX
11015 Main St.
703 273-9700

GAITHERSBURG
538 North Fredrick Ave.
240 631-1591

GEORGETOWN
3307 M St. NW
202 333-4449

MANASSAS
10980 Bulloch Dr.
703 361-6772

PARKRIDGE CENTER
Manassas
703 361-6772

POTOMAC YARDS
3725-C Jeff. Davis Hwy.
703 706-9503

RESTON
11869 Market St.
571 203-9589

ROCKVILLE
11832 Rockville Pike
301 881-7188

SPRINGFIELD
6699 Frontier Drive
703 822-0923

STATE DEPARTMENT
320 21st St. NW
202 861-0197

STERLING
Borders Plaza
703 404-4088

TAVERN SQUARE
417 King Street
703 684-1812

TYSON'S CORNER
8365 C Leesburg Pike
703 905-9770

WALDORF
3650 Crain Hwy
301 932-4446

WASHINGTON D.C.
1300 Pennsylvania Ave.
202 326-9844

WASHINGTON SQUARE
1050 Conn. Ave. N.W.
202 822-1350

WHITE FLINT MALL
Rockville
301 881-0849

AT&T Wireless Authorized Dealers

Wireless service also available at the following locations. Price and availability of equipment may vary. Call ahead for details.

ABSOLUTE CUSTOM WIRELESS
Gaithersburg • 301 840-2227
BALTIMORE BUSINESS COMM
Gaithersburg • 301 947-8709
ID COMMUNICATIONS
Wheaton Plaza Mall • 301 942-2400

KIMS CELLULAR
Annandale • 703 256-9757
MAX WIRELESS
Annandale • 703 914-1070
PC PAGING AND WIRELESS
Beltsville • 301 931-3690

Clinton • 301 856-4020
Waldorf • 301 870-4160
Washington DC • 202 530-0477
SIMPLY WIRELESS
Centreville Multiplex • 703 631-2500
Corporate Office • 888 222-8484

Crystal City Underground • 703 413-4500
Fairfax • 703 385-8600
FSK Mall - Frederick • 301 620-1500
Landmark Mall • 703 916-0909
Laurel Mall • 301 317-6200
Merrifield • 571 226-8596

Montgomery Mall • 301 365-5600
National Press Building • 202 662-7662
Pentagon City Mall • 703 415-3456
Potomac Mills Mall • 703 499-9700
Reagan National Airport • 703 417-1486
St. Charles Towne Center • 301 374-2021

Tysons Galleria • 703 714-0422
Wheaton Plaza • 301 946-6300
White Flint Mall • 301 881-8040
TELECEL
Gaithersburg • 888 875-3608
Gaithersburg • 888 875-3608

1800mobiles.com

Amazon.com[®]

Best Buy

Buy.com

CompUSA

Letstalk.com

Metrocall

Simplywireless.com

The Mobile Solution

©2003 AT&T Wireless. All rights reserved. Compatible device and active voice plan required. Monthly and usage charges apply for mMode service. Accuracy, availability, speed of delivery and timeliness are not guaranteed and are subject to transmission limitations. Not available for purchase or use in all areas. Geographic limitations and other charges and restrictions apply. Bejeweled is not available on all devices. Data charges apply to download games. Doppler weather content is premium content which requires additional charges to access. First Month Free: Offer available with new mMode activations. You will receive a credit equal to the amount of your monthly recurring charge for the mMode plan you select within 60 days if service is still active. All marks are the property of their respective owners.

Diamonds

Voted "Best place to buy..."
by Washingtonian readers



Fine quality - All sizes available - \$375 & up
Falls Church, VA - 703.536.3600

WASHINGTON DIAMOND.com

Do you have itching and scaling of the scalp?

Callender Skin & Laser is currently recruiting participants for a research study using a topical foam for Seborrheic Dermatitis/Dandruff (itching, scaling and inflammation) of the Scalp in African Americans.

To qualify you must be:

- ❖ 18 years of age or older
- ❖ In good physical condition
- ❖ Study medication is provided
- ❖ Financial compensation offered

If interested, please contact:
Study Coordinator, Toyia Johnson
at 301-249-0970 or e-mail at
tjohnson@callenderskin.com
Calender Skin & Laser Center
Mitchellville, MD

read. ride. recycle.

When you're done
with today's Express,
pass it on.

Or, dispose of it in a
Metro recycling bin
or other proper receptacle.

And thanks for reading.

express

A publication of The Washington Post

XX309

Over 1,400 social
entrepreneurs in
48 countries
are improving the
lives of millions
of people.

Ashoka funds
new ideas in
education, health,
environment,
and democracy,
on 5 continents
and here in DC.



The highest impact your
social investment can make.

ASHOKA INNOVATORS FOR THE PUBLIC

Please select CFC #1403 • www.ashoka.org/express

© Janet Jarman 2001



WEB MEMBERSHIP WEB MEMBERSHIP WEB MEMBERSHIP WEB MEMBERSHIP

\$100 - \$1000



NEED CASH? WE CAN HELP!

No Credit Check
Hassle Free
Fast and Easy Approval
Direct Deposit Required



2 EASY STEPS

1. Go to www.motinc.net and fill out an application or call 1-800-391-0225
2. Sit back and wait for the \$

Se Habla Español

<http://www.motinc.net>

WEB MEMBERSHIP WEB MEMBERSHIP WEB MEMBERSHIP WEB MEMBERSHIP

Money

Instant Love on AOL IM

SAN JOSE, CALIF. | Delivering instant gratification to Internet pairing, America Online is launching a dating service that will make finding a mate as easy as messaging.

Love.com is accessible to anyone with an Internet connection, Web browser and free AOL Instant Messenger account.

Independent of AOL's regular online service, Love.com launched Wednesday as a free preview, with a yet-to-be-determined subscription fee starting Feb. 14.

Like any online personals site, users will be able to post and search profiles in hopes of attracting a match. But instead of firing off an e-mail, users can communicate via instant messaging, provided the profiled person is online.

With 50 million active users, AOL has the largest IM service.

MATTHEW FORDAHL (AP)

IN RELATED NEWS:

→ **AOL is laying off** 450 people in California — 2 percent of its work force — and closing software development offices in San Diego and San Francisco as the struggling Internet service provider consolidates its California operations. (AP)

MARKETS | THE BUCK DROPS HERE



BUSY: Steve Lucente, center, and others in the euro pit in Chicago trade Tuesday after the Fed announced that interest rates will remain unchanged. The dollar dropped against the euro for the eighth straight day.

In Brief

AIRLINE INDUSTRY US Airways Stops Selling Tickets on Expedia Site

US Airways has yanked its tickets off Expedia, bitterly complaining that the Internet's leading travel site would have forced its passengers to pay more money. The Arlington, Va.-based airline pulled its listings from the Web site late Monday after Expedia began charging US Airways customers \$8.99 per booking, up from \$5. Expedia still charges \$5 to book flights on other carriers. Baldanza said Expedia is the most expensive of its online distributors, and the airline would not

permit its customers to be singled out for higher fees. Expedia said the scuffle is related to disagreements over a new contract. (AP)

DOWNSIZING Telecom Firm SBC to Slash 4,000 Jobs This Month

SBC Communications Inc., the nation's second-largest telecommunications company, said Tuesday that it will cut 3,000 to 4,000 jobs by year's end. A spokesman for the San Antonio-based company said the cost-saving reductions, representing about 1.7 percent to 2.3 percent of SBC's work force, will come as a result of employee buy-outs and attrition. No layoffs were planned. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
HuttigBld	2.80	+.45	+19.1
Milacron	3.08	+.46	+17.6
NL Ind s	10.67	+1.08	+11.2
TitanMtl rs	58.50	+4.54	+8.4
NavigCons	17.50	+1.24	+7.6

Losers

Avaya	10.65	-1.39	-11.5
Theragen	5.11	-.53	-9.4
Benetton	24.52	-2.48	-9.2
LeapFrog	25.20	-2.50	-9.0
WA Mutl	39.97	-3.88	-8.8

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.90	0.92
2-year	1.97	2.05
10-year	4.36	4.38
30-year	5.16	5.15

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
CCBT	34.15	+8.41	+32.7
MitekSys	2.80	+.66	+30.8
8x8 Inc	5.65	+1.11	+24.4
SonomaW	10.60	+1.75	+19.8
QualDin	2.65	+.42	+18.8

Losers

Remec	8.65	-2.41	-21.8
Candia	15.94	-4.05	-20.3
Consulier	2.26	-.55	-19.6
Nanophs	7.10	-1.49	-17.3
Intphse	13.94	-2.21	-13.7

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5726	.5771	.6333
Canadian Dollar	1.3088	1.2967	1.5609
European Euro	.8172	.8178	.9895
Japanese Yen	107.07	107.38	123.33
Mexican Peso	11.1725	11.2360	10.2075
Taiwanese Dollar	34.01	34.06	34.80

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-41.85	-40.53	-9.12
-0.42	-2.08	-0.85
9923.42	1908.32	1060.18

Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	44.30	+.74	+18.8
Comcast	31.46	-.23	+33.5
Comc sp	30.16	-.24	+33.5
CoxCom	33.38	-.13	+17.5
Disney	22.30	+.53	+36.7
Fox Ent	27.48	+.23	+6.0
Gannett	87.28	-.15	+21.6
GM H	15.98	-.08	+49.3
GTelevs	38.60	-.50	+38.2
LibtyMA	10.48	+.02	+17.2
LibtyMB	11.23	+.49	+22.1
NewsCorp	33.39	-.14	+27.2
Thomson	34.08	-.49	+27.5
Viacom	40.48	+.98	-.8
ViacomB	40.45	+1.00	-.8

In Brief

PRO FOOTBALL

Ravens Linebacker Suggs Charged With Assault

Baltimore Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs was charged with assaulting one man with a rod and attacking another in a parking lot at a basketball event in March. The player was charged with felony aggravated assault, officials said Tuesday. He is to appear at a preliminary hearing Jan. 20. The charge stems from a March 29 fight outside Phoenix Municipal Stadium following a three-on-three basketball tournament. (AP)

OBITUARY

Sloan, Former N.C. State Hoops Coach, Dies at Age 77

Norm Sloan, who coached North Carolina State to the 1974 NCAA basketball title, died Tuesday at 77. He died of pulmonary fibrosis of the lungs at Duke Hospital, daughter Leslie Nicholls said. Sloan, whose 627 victories rank him 26th on the all-time list of Division I coaches, was living in Raleigh at the time of his death. (AP)



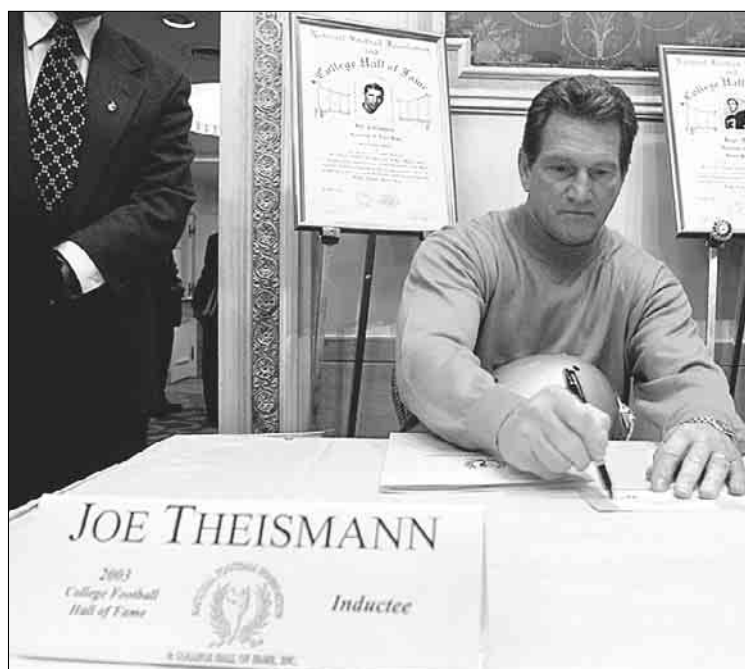
Sloan

CAR RACING

NASCAR Considers Major Change to Points System

NASCAR is considering a radical change to its point system that would create a 10-race championship chase between the top 10 drivers in the standings. The plan would lock in the top 10 drivers after the 26th race of the 2004 season.

They would then compete over the final 10 races — with their standings possibly being reset to zero — for the Nextel Cup championship. (AP)



GREGORY BULL/AP

Never at a loss for words, Joe Theismann, seen here signing autographs before his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame, blasted the BCS Tuesday.

College Hall of Famers Sound Off on the BCS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Joe Theismann was incredulous when he saw the matchup for the Bowl Championship Series title game.

The newly inducted Hall of Famer knew there were problems with the BCS, but leaving the No. 1 team out of the title game was beyond belief. "I hope they realize how ridiculous it looks when USC is No. 1 and not playing for the national championship," Theismann said Tuesday.

Theismann, a former Notre Dame quarterback, wasn't the only Hall of Famer miffed by the BCS controversy. Many of the 13 people inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame couldn't understand how the Trojans, the

top team in both polls, were beaten out by Oklahoma and LSU for the BCS title game.

The Trojans, who were hurt because of the computer rankings and strength of schedule, instead will play No. 4 Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

"I can't think of any other sport where the champion doesn't play the next best team in a play-off," said Hayden Fry, the former coach at Iowa, SMU and North Texas State.

The Trojans can still win The Associated Press title if they beat Michigan. However, the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll has agreed to give its trophy to the winner of the BCS title game. JOSH DUBOW (AP)

● **Broken system?** The Post's Liz Clarke discusses the aftermath of the BCS, which kept USC out of the Sugar Bowl | washingtonpost.com/liveonline at 3 p.m.

No. 1 Gators Aim To Stay on Top

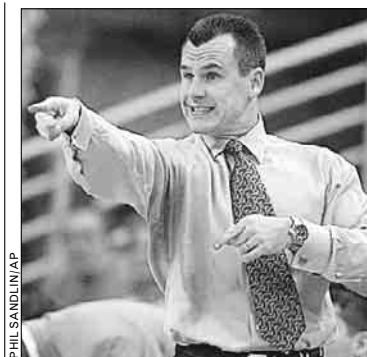
Top-ranked Florida will face test from Maryland Wednesday

COLLEGE BASKETBALL | The easy part for Florida was getting to No. 1. The hard part, as the Gators learned last year, could be staying there.

The first test for Florida as the supposed best team in the country is Wednesday against Maryland.

The Gators (5-0) go into the game against the Terrapins (4-2) with vivid memories of the last time they made it to the top of The Associated Press poll, last season. They promptly went out and lost 70-55 to Kentucky, an embarrassing showing that foreshadowed a big March letdown.

The situation is different, of course. That No. 1 ranking — the first in program history — came in February, when the length of the season was beginning to take its toll. This one comes two weeks into the season, when everyone is still fresh.



Florida head coach Billy Donovan heads the top-ranked team in the country.

While UConn, Duke and Kansas have all lost games against well-known programs this season, Florida has won its lone marquee matchup, 78-77 over No. 9 Arizona. The Gators have steadily climbed from eighth in the poll to first.

"I'm not going to sit here and say we do deserve it, or don't deserve it, or anything like that," coach Billy Donovan said. "It's kind of the way it fell." EDDIE PELLIS (AP)

■ **Mr. unpopular:** Barry Svrluga looks at why many people resent Florida coach Billy Donovan | Today's Post, Sports

Army Turns to Ross for Renaissance

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Army is counting on Bobby Ross to turn around college football's worst team.

Ross was hired to lead Army on Tuesday, returning to football after resigning as the Detroit Lions' coach three years ago. His football experience is vast: Ross coached the San Diego Chargers to the Super Bowl in 1995 and won a national title at Georgia Tech in 1990. He also coached the University of Maryland

from 1982 to 1986.

Army became the first team in NCAA history to finish 0-13 this season. The academy fired coach Todd Berry in October. John Mumford acted as interim coach, going 0-7.

Ross said his past service in the Army and his sons' military background — one graduated from the Naval Academy, another from the Air Force Academy — made him a good fit for the job. (AP)

Today's TV Lineup

PRO BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on Comcast) The Washington Wizards try to start a new losing streak for the Orlando Magic, which had lost 19 straight games until Monday's win.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) Maryland, which has lost two in a row, tries to improve its fortunes against No. 1 Florida.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (9 p.m. on ESPN) Indiana and Notre Dame play.

PRO HOCKEY (8 p.m. on ESPN2) Brett Hull, who moved into third place on the NHL's all-time goal scorer's list, leads the Detroit Red Wings against the Buffalo Sabres.

RODEO (Midnight on ESPN2) The sixth round of the Wrangler National Finals.

Orioles Go Shopping for Free Agents

PRO BASEBALL | The Baltimore Orioles are preparing for a shopping spree, one that could land them Vladimir Guerrero and Javy Lopez.

There's no guarantee that either player will end up in Baltimore, but the Orioles will try their best to sign high-profile free agents. "I think our idea is to make the club as strong

as we can this year, then build on that," vice president Jim Beattie said Tuesday.

Beattie declined to specify exactly which players the Orioles are pursuing, but he cited catcher, outfielder and 3-4-5 hitters

among the team's needs.

Guerrero, an outfielder, and Lopez, a catcher, would fit perfectly in the team's plans. Lopez hit 43 homers for Atlanta last season and Guerrero had 25 home runs along with a .330 batting average. Baltimore also is interested in short-stop Miguel Tejada. (AP)

■ **Hot stove league:** Thomas Boswell examines what is already turning out to be a crazy offseason in Major League Baseball | Today's Post, Sports

**“Cockroaches
don't come
because there's
no food.”**

Help Turn a Life Around.



Each month, Bread for the City makes a big difference in the lives of over 10,000 people who need:

- medical care
- social services
- legal services
- food & clothing

Your contributions make that possible. Please give today.

United Way/CFC #8219
202.561.8587

Give online at
www.BreadForTheCity.org

Design by: Kircher • kircherinc.com

WEB MEMBERSHIP • WEB MEMBERSHIP • WEB MEMBERSHIP • WEB MEMBERSHIP

**NEED CASH?
\$100 - \$1000
LOWEST FEE**

Job & Direct Deposit Req.

1 888 223-7297

or apply on line at

www.acepays.com



Sports

Fitzgerald Seeks Final Grab

After record-setting season, Pitt receiver could win the Heisman

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Voting for the Heisman Trophy winner sounds simple: Pick the most outstanding college football player in the country. That just might be Pittsburgh receiver Larry Fitzgerald.

Everything else, however, seems to be against him.

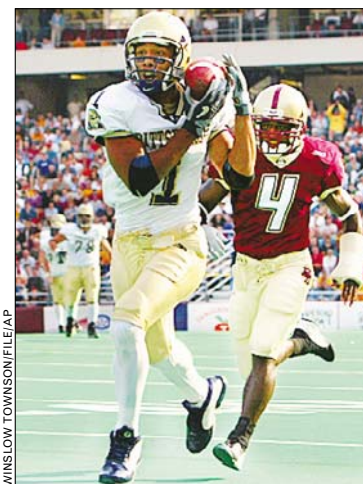
He doesn't play for a No. 1 team, he's trying to become the first sophomore to win college football's top individual prize, and he's a pure wide receiver — not a kick returner-

receiver type such as past winners Tim Brown and Johnny Rodgers.

However, Fitzgerald accumulated statistics that may not be rivaled any time soon. He made 87 catches for 1,595 yards and 22 touchdowns for a team that went 8-4.

Fitzgerald caught at least one touchdown pass in all 12 games — tying Randy Moss's single-season NCAA record — and in a record 18 consecutive games dating to last season. He set seven Big East records while leading the nation in receiving yards per game (132.9), total receiving yards, receiving touchdowns and total touchdowns.

ALAN ROBINSON (AP)



As a sophomore, Larry Fitzgerald set seven Big East receiving records.

Magic Eyes Happy End To Season

PRO BASKETBALL | Coach Johnny Davis is hopeful, despite a 2-19 record for his Orlando Magic. After all, he used to be the point guard on a team that started the season 2-19 but reached the playoffs.

Davis's 1984-85 Cleveland Cavaliers squad stumbled out of the gate, yet still rallied to make the postseason. Three Eastern Conference teams topped 58 wins that season but mediocrity reigned elsewhere, meaning the Cavaliers' 36-46 record was good enough.

The 2003-04 season appears to be headed toward a similar end. Three teams are playing at 55-win paces, but 35 victories may be



Orlando's Tracy McGrady and coach Johnny Davis still have playoff hopes.

enough to land the eighth seed.

"We're seven games out of the last playoff spot, so the playoffs are possible for us," Tracy McGrady said. MIKE BRANOM (AP)

NFL Sends Memo On Hiring Practices

PRO FOOTBALL | Three weeks before its next round of coaching hirings, the National Football League wants to make sure its teams adhere to the minority hiring guidelines it set last season.

In a memo released Tuesday, the league's diversity committee reiterated that all teams must interview at least one minority candidate for coaching vacancies, and banned telephone interviews of candidates. It also mandated that owners get involved in the final interviews for coaches.

There are three black coaches in the NFL: Tony Dungy, Herman Edwards and first-year coach Marvin Lewis. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: There have been only six black head coaches hired in the National Football League since Art Shell became the first with the Los Angeles Raiders in 1989. (AP)

Road act: The Washington Wizards try to defeat the Indiana Pacers in the Hoosier state without Gilbert Arenas and Jerry Stackhouse | washingtonpost.com/sports

HEARSAY | COWBOYS

"For a team that's lost two, I feel pretty good about where we're positioned."

—DALLAS OWNER JERRY JONES
SHOWING CONFIDENCE IN HIS TEAM DESPITE THE COWBOYS' FIRST LOSING STREAK OF THE SEASON. DALLAS PLAYS WASHINGTON SUNDAY.

Angels Sign Colon, Seek Garciparra

PRO BASEBALL | The Anaheim Angels took one of the top pitchers off the free-agent market, agreeing Tuesday to a four-year contract with Bartolo Colon.

Anaheim had offered a deal worth about \$48 million and a four-year contract, one baseball official familiar with the negotiations had said Monday.

This might not be Anaheim's only blockbuster deal. If the Alex Rodriguez-Manny Ramirez deal goes through, five-time All-Star shortstop Nomar Garciaparra would be out of a job. It's believed the Red Sox might try to trade him to the Angels for a pitcher, possibly Jarrod Washburn, or second baseman Adam Kennedy. (AP)



"FOR GOD'S SAKE, GANDALF, JUST ASK FOR DIRECTIONS!" The last "Lord of the Rings" installment travels to theaters this month. Also, Renee Zellweger, below left, wants a warm Oscar for "Cold Mountain," and "Peter Pan" remains forever young.

Celluloid Season

A roundup of Hollywood's most anticipated December screen offerings from epic to indie

HOLIDAY FILM | The end-of-year blockbusters debut this month with high hopes and big budgets.

The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King | *New Line* (Dec. 19)

CONCEPT: A mega-franchise finishes up. Elves win.

EXPECTATIONS: Duh.

BUZZ: Rumor has it it's the best script of the three. This third "Ring" is getting a big Oscar push both for Best Picture and for director Peter Jackson.

Mona Lisa Smile | *Revolution/Soy* (Dec. 19)

CONCEPT: Uberchick flick.

EXPECTATIONS: Low-key. Nearly all-female casting and theme of budding feminism limits the audience: Julia Roberts plays a dedicated teacher at

Wellesley College in the 1950s.

BUZZ: It's Julia — but she hasn't had a hit since "Ocean's 11."



Cold Mountain | *Miramax* (Dec. 26)

CONCEPT: "Gone with the Wind" meets "Braveheart," with redheads and blondes.

EXPECTATIONS: High. Director

Anthony Minghella's last two movies ("The Talented Mr. Ripley" and "The English Patient") were perfect Oscar bait and examples of how to adapt literary works.

BUZZ: Expect a big Miramax push for Renee Zellweger as Best Supporting Actress, still smarting from her "Chicago" snub.

STOCKING STUFFERS | If the blockbusters don't hit the mark, Hollywood has a slew of other entries in the Christmas box-office sweepstakes.

Big Fish | *Columbia* (Dec. 10)

COMMENTS: Insiders are already buzzing that director Tim Burton's at his finest in this film, with Ewan MacGregor, Billy Crudup and Albert Finney, about a son trying to reconcile with his father.

Cold Mountaineer: Irish powerhouse Brendan Gleeson discusses his role in "Cold Mountain" and his life in movies at 2:30 p.m. on [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://www.washingtonpost.com/liveonline).

Something's Gotta Give | *Columbia* (Dec. 12)

COMMENTS: Keanu Reeves as a doctor? Yes, and competing with Jack Nicholson for Diane Keaton's affections to boot. Never bet against Jack.

Girl With a Pearl Earring | *Lion's Gate* (Dec. 21)

COMMENTS: The imagined story of a girl depicted in a famous 17th-century painting by Vermeer.

Cheaper by the Dozen | *20th Century Fox* (Dec. 25)

COMMENTS: Unlike the winning "Father of the Bride," this Steve Martin remake is said to miss the mark.

Paycheck | *Paramount* (Dec. 25)

COMMENTS: Ben Affleck stars in a futuristic thriller. Directed by John Woo, it initially seemed a good bet; after "Gigli," it may not be.



Peter Pan | *Universal* (Dec. 25)

COMMENTS: There's decent buzz for this live-action/computer-effects version of the classic story.

House of Sand and Fog | *DreamWorks* (Dec. 26)

COMMENTS: Starring Ben Kingsley and Jennifer Connelly, it's being compared to "American Beauty," but isn't generating that film's buzz. JOHN LIPPMAN (THE WALL STREET JOURNAL)



FOR COMPLETE EVENT LISTINGS SEE WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT

Free Music: That'll Be Ten Bucks

Avant-garde jazz: It's not for everyone. But if you want to hang out in the company of genius, you might want to stand very close to the members of FME, the Free Music Ensemble. Ken Vandemark of this exploratory jazz group has been a proud recipient of a MacArthur Genius Grant. So there.

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 9 p.m., \$10; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

Boogie-Woogie Santa: State's Annual Jam

The State opens the doors once again for its Santa Jam. This is the seventh year the State features straight-ahead rock, roots music and jazz (by the Nighthawks, Tom Principato Band, Jimmy Carpenter, Mary Shaver Band and Santa knows who all else) in a benefit for local women's charities.

State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 8 p.m., \$10 donation, free with an unwrapped toy; 202-703-237-0300. (West Falls)



Mary Shaver kicks out the Santa Jams at the State's annual rock 'n' roll benefit.

Everywhere Man: Carville Signing

Being what those of more delicate sensibilities might call a "pundit of the night" hasn't stopped ubiquitous local fame-ho James Carville from being everywhere at once. It's only stopped him from having a sense of shame. Still, we love us some big-mouth Democrats. Carville will be reading from and signing "Had Enough? A Handbook for Fighting Back."

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 4900 Connecticut Ave. NW, 7 p.m., free.

Continued on page 14



The cast of the late, lamented "Ben Stiller Show" violating a parking meter.

Still Funny 10 Years Later

DVD | In 1992, the relatively unknown comic Ben Stiller was given his own sketch series on Fox, "The Ben Stiller Show." Despite lasting only 12 episodes, it ended up winning an Emmy for writing.

The series was uneven, but hit the mark far more than it missed. Among the best sketches: Stiller

playing a revengeful Eddie Munster in a spoof of "Cape Fear" titled "Cape Munster"; Stiller as U2's Bono in an inspired bit about the Irish group's early days; a takeoff of "Cops" set in ancient Egypt. One of the funniest sketches was a flawless spoof of Woody Allen's "Husbands and Wives" called "Woody Allen's Bride

of Frankenstein."

The series was co-written by its stars, Stiller, Janeane Garofalo, Andy Dick and Bob Odenkirk.

Stiller and his cast, producers and writers supply commentary on several of the episodes of the DVD from Warner Home Video.

SUSAN KING (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



Entertainment



GORILLA MY DREAMS: Art-world provocateurs the Guerrilla Girls believe that demeaning stereotypes hold women back.

Monkeying Around

A new book makes an old feminist argument

BOOKS | Frida Kahlo and Kathe Kollwitz recently sat for an interview. From the neck down, they were downtown chic in black pants and black shirts. But from the neck up, they were angry, wily, animalistic and ferocious.

The two women weren't really the famed artists. They were Guerrilla Girls, activists who take the names

of their favorite artists and hide their true identities by wearing gorilla masks. The Guerrilla Girls have donned the cover-ups since they first began hanging posters and giving speeches about women in the arts.

"All of our research has shown that culture, which so many people see as avant-garde, has always

lagged behind in other fields of society in terms of women and people of color," the Guerrilla Girl who called herself Kollwitz said.

"After all, if 50 percent of the artists graduating from major art schools are women and only 10 percent of the artists shown at a certain museum are women, then what happened?"

Kahlo and Kollwitz are currently touring the country to talk

about female stereotypes. The group recently put out a new book called, "Bitches, Bimbos and Ballbreakers: The Guerrilla Girls Guide to Female Stereotypes." The book follows the history of many female stereotypes such as debutantes, spinsters, biker chicks and Valley Girls.

During their talks, the Guerrilla Girls take the audience through how they came up with their 90 posters and three books and discuss issues in film, art and politics. The audience is then invited to share their own stories and talk about the stereotypes with which they most identify.

It was stereotypes and the frustrations of trying to succeed as women artists that gave birth to the Guerrilla Girls. In 1985, a group of New York artists noticed that women were not getting as much gallery and museum space as men.

They began putting up posters around SoHo and the East Village in lower Manhattan, pointing out facts about women and the galleries that fed the museums. The women wore gorilla masks as they tacked up the posters, and the movement began.

"What the anonymity does for us is that it lets everyone looking at our work focus on the issue and not on who we are personally," Kahlo said. "It makes it a lot easier for us to be a symbol." PAULINE M. MILLARD (AP)

Playtime for the Offspring

MUSIC | It was time for the Offspring to get some laughs again.

Following the punk popsters' serious-fun-serious-fun album cycle, the Offspring's new CD "Splinter" (Columbia) was scheduled to be a good time, like its "Americana" album, which spawned hits like "She's Got Issues," "Why Don't You Get a Job" and, of course, "Pretty Fly (For a White Guy)."

"Splinter" does not disappoint in the fun category, offering enough high-energy punk singles to keep it on modern-rock radio for at least a year. "Hit That" is a sure winner, with gassy synths and a gurgling bass line like Eminem's "Without Me," combined with Dexter Holland's howl and Noodles's driving guitar. "Worst Hangover Ever"



WHO'S YOUR DADDY? The Offspring hang out, hoping for another "Smash."

is a dude-I-was-so-drunk story told over what sounds like a ska version of Blondie's "The Tide Is High." And

"Da Hui" is a straightforward thrash party like it was 1981.

The Offspring does stray from

its usual game plan a bit — starting the album with "Neocon," a defiant chant of "We will never lose to you," which, considering the band's link to Punkvoter and Rock Against Bush compilations, is likely directed at the Republicans in power. "The Noose" is another raging political rocker that lays out the band's views. This combination of serious and fun is a throwback to "Smash," the band's most successful album to date, where serious songs like "Genocide" and "Something to Believe In" sat next to clever, light-hearted songs like "Come Out and Play" and "Self Esteem."

With so many young punk-pop bands on the Offspring's heels these days, the SoCal veterans needed to pick up their game to stay a step ahead of the masses. With "Splinter" they offer the youngsters a lesson on how to combine jokes and ideas in the same package. GLENN

BAMBOA (NEWSDAY)

TopStops

Continued from page 13

Punch With Judy: Collins and the Chorale

4 Judy Collins — she of the crystalline voice — puts on a really big shoe at the Birchmere. The "Judy Collins Christmas Show" features the Georgetown Chorale and a tasteful selection of seasonal music guaranteed to put a glow in your heart.

Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, 7:30 p.m., \$49.50; 703-549-7500.



1970's thrush Judy Collins brings her Christmas show to the Birchmere.

Flapping Into the Future: Wright Bros. Talk

5 One of the rare sensible souls who's commemorating the centennial of the Wright brothers' maiden voyage in a sensible way, National Geographic photographer Joe McNally won't be strapping a contraption of road tar, chicken feathers and St. Christopher's medal to his back and leaping off the barn roof. Rather, he'll take a look at the next hundred years of aviation technology.

National Geographic Society, 1145 17th St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$16, \$13 members; 202-857-7588. (Farragut North)

Pops Goes the NSO: Hamlich Conducts

6 Beginning tonight and continuing through Saturday, Marvin Hamlich conducts the NSO Pops as they bleat out a selection of Christmas classics — traditional carols, family favorites and highlights from longer works like Handel's "Messiah."

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; tonight and Thursday, 7 p.m., Fri.-Sat., Dec. 12-13, 8 p.m. \$20-\$75; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

Entertainment

ON TV TONIGHT

AS LONG AS YOU BOTH SHALL BE AWESOME

TRISTA AND RYAN'S WEDDING (9 p.m., ABC) ABC promises that after tonight's two-hour special, the torture will end.

Emotions ran high at last week's racy bachelor and bachelorette parties. While the Bard of the Rockies was getting all misty, Trista was lapping up shots off guys' navels and having her picture taken next to a complete stranger's naked butt.

While there is little drama left for tonight's ceremony, some questions remain. Who will shed more tears, the lachrymose Ryan or Trista's miserable little sister? Will Bachelor Bob overshadow the ceremony like he dominated the bachelor party? And how many times will Trista say "awesome!"?

BLOOD SPORT

REBELS OF OAKLAND: THE A'S, THE RAIDERS, THE '70S (9 p.m., HBO) This documentary celebrates the city and the era that produced two of sports history's most colorful dynasties. The baseball A's were known as much for loud uniforms as their

bargain-basement payroll. The football Raiders resembled the cast of "The Dirty Dozen" and reveled in their reputation as a "criminal element" in the NFL. The Oakland coliseum was also temporary home to a mascot (MC Hammer) and a vendor (Tom Hanks) who went on to other things.

IT'S A FRAME-UP

THE GREAT GARDNER ART HEIST (10 p.m., Court TV) recalls one of the most brazen museum robberies in history. The still unsolved burglary involved works by Rembrandt, Vermeer, Degas and Manet valued at roughly \$300 million.



"Hey, Dave, we heard you called HAL a 'talking garbage disposal.' Uh, Dave?"

FREE MARTHA!

BIOGRAPHY (8 p.m., A&E) counts down 2003's "Top Ten Most Notorious" personalities. It never explains why the Laci Peterson or Kobe Bryant cases are getting so much media attention, or why Martha Stewart is on this list and not the villains behind the Tyco and Enron scandals.

CULT CHOICE

2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY (10:15 p.m., TCM) Built in Urbana, Ill., the HAL 9000 computer became one of film's creepiest villains in this 1968 sci-fi thriller. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

express ➔ movie showtimes

LOEWS CINEPLEX ENTERTAINMENT HOLIDAY ESCAPE

BARGAIN MATINEES LISTED IN ()

ESCAPE to our Winner Wonderland!

Save your Loews theatre ticket number and register it at enjoytheshow.com to win fabulous prizes like a new Suzuki this holiday season!

Tickets, Times & More At FANDANGO.COM

BRING YOUR BABY TO THE MOVIES WITH REEL MOMS!

IT'S MOTHER'S DAY EVERY TUESDAY AT **LOEWS GEORGETOWN**

FOR DETAILS ABOUT REEL MOMS, VISIT www.enjoytheshow.com

<p>CINEPLEX ODEON MARLOW 6 MARLOW HEIGHTS SHOPPING CENTER 301-423-1014</p> <p>★ THE MISSING (R) (3:20) 6:15 9:40 ★ HONEY (PG-13) (3:40) 6:30 9:20 ★ GOTHIKA (R) (3:30) 6:20 9:50 ★ TIMELINE (PG-13) (4:00) 6:40 9:30 ★ HAUNTED MANSION (PG) (3:50) 6:05 8:30 ★ CAT IN THE HAT (PG) (3:10) 6:50 9:00</p> <p>CINEPLEX ODEON WISCONSIN AVE CINEMAS 4000 WISCONSIN AVENUE, N.W. 202-244-0882</p> <p>LAST SAMURAI (R) (12:30 3:45) 7:00 10:00 HONEY (PG-13) (1:10 3:30 5:40) 7:50 9:55 BAD SANTA (R) (1:20 3:40 5:50) 8:00 10:05 ELF (PG) (12:40 3:00 5:10) 7:20 9:35 HAUNTED MANSION (PG) (12:50 3:10 5:20) 7:30 9:25 CAT IN THE HAT (PG) (1:00 3:20) 9:45</p> <p>CINEPLEX ODEON CINEMA 1 5100 WISCONSIN AVENUE FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS 202-966-7256</p> <p>MASTER & COMMANDER (PG-13) (1:00 4:30) 8:00</p>	<p>CINEPLEX ODEON WHITE FLINT 5 NORTH BETHESDA 301-881-5216</p> <p>LAST SAMURAI (R) (12:00 3:15) 6:30 9:50 LOVE ACTUALLY (R) (12:10 3:05) 6:15 9:20 MASTER & COMMANDER (PG-13) (12:20 3:35) 6:45 9:40 TIMELINE (PG-13) (12:30 3:55) 7:15 10:00 HAUNTED MANSION (PG) (12:40 3:45) 7:00 9:30</p> <p>CINEPLEX ODEON OUTER CIRCLE 4849 WISCONSIN AVENUE, N.W. M TENLEYTOWN / AU 202-244-3117</p> <p>STATION AGENT (R) (2:00 4:30) 7:15 9:30 LOST IN TRANSLATION (R) (1:45 4:15) 7:00 9:15</p> <p>CINEPLEX ODEON SHIRLINGTON 7 2772 SOUTH RANDOLPH 703-671-0978</p> <p>21 GRAMS (R) (ON 2 SCREENS) (1:50 4:30) 7:20 10:00 LOST IN TRANSLATION (R) (2:00 4:10) 6:20 9:00 LOVE ACTUALLY (R) (ON 2 SCREENS) (3:40) 6:30 MYSTIC RIVER (R) (1:30) 7:00 THE HUMAN STAIN (R) (1:40 4:00) 6:50 9:20 LOVE ACTUALLY (R) (1:30) 7:00 21 GRAMS (R) (4:20) 9:50 STATION AGENT (R) (1:20 3:30) 6:30 9:10 SHATTERED GLASS (PG-13) (1:10) 7:10</p>	<p>LOEWS WHEATON PLAZA 11 WHEATON PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER, VIERS MILL RD BTWN. GEORGIA & UNIVERSITY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CIRCUIT CITY BUILDING 301-949-9202</p> <p>BROTHER BEAR (G) (2:20 5:00) ★ LAST SAMURAI (R) (12:10 3:30) 6:40 9:50 MASTER & COMMANDER (PG-13) (12:30 3:20) 6:45 9:40 LOVE ACTUALLY (R) (12:20 3:10) 6:10 9:10 CAT IN THE HAT (PG) (2:30 4:35) 6:30 8:50 ★ HONEY (PG-13) (1:50 4:10) 7:00 9:30 GOITHIKA (R) 7:20 9:45 ELF (PG) (1:30 3:50) 6:20 8:30 ★ HAUNTED MANSION (PG) (2:10 4:20) 6:40 9:00 ★ BAD SANTA (R) (12:50 3:20 5:30) 7:50 10:10 ★ THE MISSING (R) (12:40 3:40) 6:35 9:35 ★ TIMELINE (PG-13) (1:00 4:00) 6:50 9:20</p> <p>CINEPLEX ODEON INNER CIRCLE 3 2301 M STREET, N.W. M M FOGGY BOTTOM 202-972-9556</p> <p>THE HUMAN STAIN (R) (4:30) 7:15 9:30 DIE, MOMMIE, DIE! (R) (4:40) 9:40 RUNAWAY JURY (PG-13) 7:10 CAT IN THE HAT (PG) (Open Captioned) (4:45) 7:00 9:20</p>	<p>CINEPLEX ODEON TYSONS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8065 LEESBURG PIKE 703-506-9857</p> <p>THE MISSING (R) (12:00 3:10) 6:20 9:20 LOVE ACTUALLY (R) (12:40 3:40) 6:40 9:35 HAUNTED MANSION (PG) (DTS DIGITAL) (11:40 2:10 4:30) 7:00 9:50 MASTER & COMMANDER (PG-13) (DTS DIGITAL) (12:10 3:00) 6:30 9:30 LAST SAMURAI (R) (DTS DIGITAL) (12:30 3:30) 6:50 9:40 ELF (PG) (DTS DIGITAL) (11:50 2:20 4:40) 7:20 10:00 TIMELINE (PG-13) (12:50 3:20) 6:10 9:10 CAT IN THE HAT (PG) (12:20 2:30 4:50) 7:10 9:15</p> <p>CINEPLEX ODEON DUPONT CIRCLE 5 1350 19TH STREET, NW M DUPONT CIRCLE 202-972-9556</p> <p>SHATTERED GLASS (PG-13) (4:40) 7:30 10:05 MYSTIC RIVER (R) (1:30) (12:50 4:00) 7:00 10:00 KILL BILL VOLUME 1 (R) (2:20 4:50) 7:20 9:50 IN AMERICA (PG-13) (ON 2 SCREENS) (1:10 3:40) 6:30 9:00 (2:00 4:20) 7:10 9:40</p>	<p>FOR DETAILS ABOUT REEL MOM'S VISIT www.enjoytheshow.com</p> <p>LOEWS GEORGETOWN 3111 K STREET, N.W. enjoytheshow.com/georgetown 202-342-6033</p> <p>LAST SAMURAI (R) (ON 2 SCREENS) (12:30 2:10 3:40 5:20) 6:50 8:30 10:00 LOVE ACTUALLY (R) (ON 2 SCREENS) (12:40 2:00 3:30 4:50) 6:30 7:50 9:20 MASTER & COMMANDER (PG-13) (ON 2 SCREENS) (12:20 4:30 3:20) 6:20 8:40 9:30 TIMELINE (R) (ON 2 SCREENS) (11:50 1:00 4:30 5:40) 7:40 10:30 THE MISSING (R) (12:10 3:10) 6:10 9:10 BAD SANTA (R) (12:00 2:50 5:30) 8:10 10:20 ELF (PG) (1:40 4:10) 9:50 TIMELINE (PG-13) (1:50 4:40) 7:30 10:10 GOITHIKA (R) (1:20 3:50) 6:00 8:20 10:50 HAUNTED MANSION (PG) (1:30 4:20) 9:40 CAT IN THE HAT (PG) (2:20 5:00) 7:00 8:50 MATRIX REVOLUTIONS (R) 10:40</p> <p>CINEPLEX ODEON UPTOWN 3426 CONNECTICUT AVE. - NW 1/2 BLOCK SOUTH M CLEVELAND PARK 202-966-8805</p> <p>LORD OF THE RINGS 2 (PG-13) (2:00) 7:30</p>
---	--	---	---	--

★ NO PASSPORTS ACCEPTED SHOWTIMES FOR - TIMES FOR 12/10/03 www.enjoytheshow.com © COPYRIGHT 2003

WHO WHAT WHERE WHEN WHY

“... He's not the Hulk I remember, he's King Kong on nuclear bananas ...

... I could go on and on ... but who has that much time on earth? ...

... Those pounding hooves might as well be going: *metaphor metaphor metaphor metaphor* ...”

Desson Thomson | Movie Critic

Writing reviews you can use.
Fridays in Weekend.

The Washington Post



XP298 3x3.5

REGAL CINEMAS Pass / Discount Ticket Restrictions Apply
DIG = DIGITAL SOUND BARGAIN SHOWS IN ()
Advance Tickets at FANDANGO.COM and 800-FANDANGO

<p>BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12 Ballston Common Mall, Glebe Rd. Arlington (703) 527-9466</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale LORD OF RINGS: RETURN OF THE KING (PG-13) ★</p> <p>LAST SAMURAI (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1110 1210 110 235 335 440) 605 705 805 930 1025</p> <p>HONEY (PG-13) DIG (1115 1200 140 230 405 455) 715 800 935 1030</p> <p>MASTER & COMMANDER (PG-13) DIG (1145 1250 255 355) 610 700 925 1005</p> <p>TIMELINE (PG-13) DIG (1105 150 435) 725 1010</p> <p>CAT IN THE HAT (PG) DIG (1150 205 430) 635 710 845 920</p> <p>GOITHIKA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1155 220 445) 750 1020</p> <p>LOONEY TUNES (PG) DIG (1120 145 410) 1235</p> <p>BROTHER BEAR (G) DIG (250 505)</p> <p>SCHOOL OF ROCK (PG-13) DIG (720 955)</p>	<p>ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13 Rockville Town Center (301) 340-9399</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale LORD OF RINGS: RETURN OF THE KING (PG-13) ★</p> <p>HONEY (PG-13) (1135 215 450) 730 1015</p> <p>LAST SAMURAI (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 1245 320 420) 700 800 1030</p> <p>BAD SANTA (R) - ID REQ'D (100 340) 725 955</p> <p>HAUNTED MANSION (PG) (1200 240 515) 810 1045</p> <p>THE MISSING (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 330) 705 1035</p> <p>TIMELINE (PG-13) (1220 400) 720 1005</p> <p>CAT IN THE HAT (PG) (1130 200 440) 715 945</p> <p>GOITHIKA (R) - ID REQ'D (235 505) 740 1010</p> <p>LOONEY TUNES (PG) (1155) 715</p> <p>MASTER & COMMANDER (PG-13) (1150 310) 710 1020</p> <p>ELF (PG) (1150 230 530) 805 1040</p> <p>LOVE ACTUALLY (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 425) 815</p> <p>MATRIX REVOLUTIONS (R) - ID REQ'D 750 1050</p> <p>BROTHER BEAR (G) (1140 220 500)</p>	<p>UA BETHESDA 10 2772 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 566*</p> <p>Adv. Tix on Sale LORD OF RINGS: RETURN OF THE KING (PG-13) ★</p> <p>LAST SAMURAI (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 100 340 430) 710 800</p> <p>HAUNTED MANSION (PG) (150 435) 740 1000</p> <p>THE MISSING (R) - ID REQ'D (110 410) 705 1010</p> <p>TIMELINE (PG-13) (120 420) 720 1010</p> <p>CAT IN THE HAT (PG) (1225 235 450) 730 945</p> <p>GOITHIKA (R) - ID REQ'D 940</p> <p>LOONEY TUNES (PG) 715</p> <p>MASTER & COMMANDER (PG-13) (1240 350) 745</p> <p>ELF (PG) DIG (140 440) 735 1005</p> <p>LOVE ACTUALLY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 400) 700 1005</p> <p>BROTHER BEAR (G) (1230 245 500)</p>
---	--	---

Times For 12/10/03 ©2003 www.REGmovies.com

Cars

Aftermarket Action

Pontiac's GTO is an unfinished symphony

ROAD TEST | Cynics may look at the new Pontiac GTO and say it is neither. Built in Australia by General Motors subsidiary Holden, the GTO is an American-spec version of the Monaro coupe. It's a Pontiac in roughly the same degree that it is a can of Foster's lager.

Fortunately, I am not a cynic. I don't care that it's Australian, and its work-in-progress looks may represent an opportunity for Pontiac to, at last, bond with Generation FnF (as in "The Fast and the Furious").

Boot the gas pedal and listen to that sonorous, dual-exhaust baritone. Vibrating those vocal cords is a 5.7-liter pushrod V-8 churning the rear wheels with 350 horsepower-

er and 365 pound-feet of torque at 4,000 rpm. This is muscle-car psychedelia straight from the '60s.

The car feels rock solid, with none of the cowl shake of the old Firebird. The ride is supple and well damped. The steering is crisp and communicative. Toss it from a tight corner to another, and it stays well composed.

The GTO has gobs of untapped potential. Wait until the aftermarket tuners get through with it.

It would be a relatively simple matter to squeeze an extra 50 horsepower out of the Chevy LS-1 engine. How about a cold-air induction system fed through functional hood scoops as in the old car? How about a supercharger?

The Pontiac GTO doesn't look much like its predecessors.



It's not as if you would be desecrating a masterpiece. The car's styling is somewhere between a late-'90s Monte Carlo and an Olds Alero coupe. There is no scale fine enough to measure such low levels of visual panache. So bring on the fender flares, aero skirting, air dams, spoilers, wild wheels and assorted festoonery. **DAN NEIL (L.A. TIMES)**

2004 PONTIAC GTO

POWERTRAIN: 5.7-liter fuel-injected V-8; six-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission; rear-wheel drive
HORSEPOWER: 350 at 5,200 rpm
TORQUE: 365 pound-feet at 4,000 rpm
WEIGHT: 3,825 pounds
LENGTH: 189.8 inches

WHEELBASE: 109.8 inches
ACCELERATION: zero to 60 mph in 5.3 seconds
MILEAGE: 17 mpg city, 29 highway with six-speed manual
BASE PRICE: \$33,495 (including shipping and a \$1,000 federal gas-guzzler tax applied to automatic-equipped cars)

Make Way for Auto Traffic

TRAFFIC | Shanghai plans to ban bicycles from its major roads next year, banishing China's most popular form of transportation from its congested streets to make more room for cars, official newspapers said Tuesday.

Police will also raise fines tenfold for such cycling infractions as running red lights, Shanghai Daily reported.

Shanghai, with an urban population of about 20 million, has some 9 million bikes, the paper said. In recent years, though, Shanghai has



Cyclists flee the imminent car invasion.

developed into a center of China's burgeoning auto industry and growing affluence has spurred private car buying. That accounts for only a small percentage of vehicles on the road, though: Private automobiles are outnumbered six to one by buses, taxis, government cars, and commercial vehicles.

Nevertheless, police officials cited the need to control two wheelers as the key to reducing gridlock, accusing them of ignoring traffic lights and occupying vehicle lanes.

CHRISTOPHER BODEEN (AP)

Fraudulent Dealings?

CRIME | A consumer group wants all state attorneys general to investigate fraud at auto dealerships. In a report released Monday, the Washington, D.C.-based Public Citizen cited as an example of fraud an offer for an anti-theft program that etches the vehicle's identification number in the window glass. The service should cost about \$100, Public Citizen said, but dealers charged

as much as \$500. In some cases, customers paid and the service wasn't provided.

The organization based its 71-page report on the allegations of Duane Overholt, who worked as an auto salesman in Florida for 20 years before going to federal prosecutors with accusations against his former employer, Charlotte, N.C.-based Sonic Automotive Inc. Sonic Automotive didn't return a telephone call seeking comment Monday. The group also reviewed lawsuits against dealers filed in nine states. **DEE-ANN DURBIN (AP)**

Ferry of the gods: Watch Warren Brown and a chauffeur test the 57 Maybach super-luxury sedan at washingtonpost.com/cars (click "Video Test Drives").

OVER 300 NEW NISSANS

Capital Nissan
(301) 731-4400

Just 1 Mile Inside The Beltway Exit 20B... Minutes From D.C.

24 HOURS A DAY
eNissans.com

Brand New 2004 NISSAN **Sentra 1.8**

Over 50 Nissan Sentras Now In-Stock!

Loaded With Air Cond, 1.8L Engine, Sport Manual Transmission, Dual Bucket Seats, & Much More! 3 At This Low Price...

Own For \$10,995

or just... **\$144** per month

Brand New 2004 NISSAN **Altima 2.5**

Over 75 Nissan Altimas Now In-Stock!

Loaded With Air Cond, Automatic Trans, Power Windows, Locks, Dual Bucket Seats And Much More! 5 At This Low Price...

Own For \$17,495

or just... **\$249** per month

Brand New 2003 Nissan **Xterra XE**

Over 12 Nissan Xteras Now In-Stock!

Loaded With Factory Equipment! Reclining Bucket Seats, Air Conditioning, Am/Fm Stereo & Much More! 2 At This Low Price...

Own For \$16,995

or just... **\$259** per month

PLUS! Great Selection Of 2004 Nissan Maximas, Pathfinder Armadas, Muranos & 350Zs!

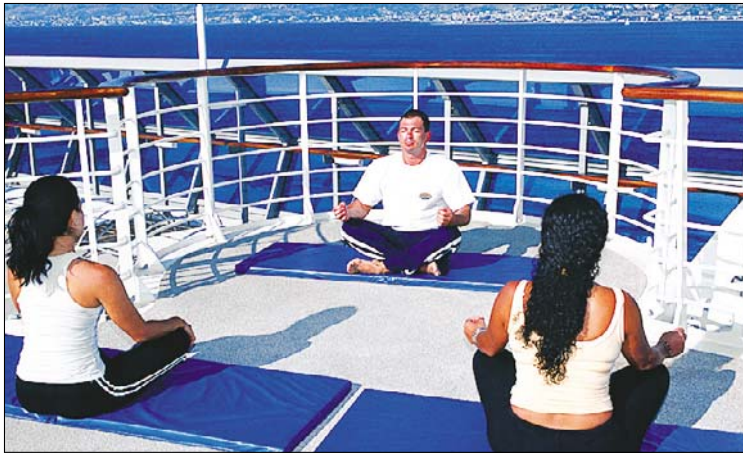
Prices plus tax, tags, \$100 proc fee & freight. Incl all rebates and incentives. Fin on approved credit. Fin examples, all \$2500 down, cash or trade, 60 month purchase, Sentra 0.9%, Xterra & Altima 1.9%. Ends Dec 31, 2003

Cruise Closer to Home

Look for even huger cruise ships, docking in a port near you

VACATIONS | Improve your golf swing. Take a yoga class. Marvel at a megaship. And start your trip at a home port near you.

Such are the latest trends in the cruise industry. A slew of mammoth vessels — including the largest ocean liner in history, the Queen Mary 2 — are due to be launched in 2004. And local departure ports, from Philadelphia to Mobile, Ala., are growing in popularity.



MUST. DO. YOGA. Passengers just can't do without, so cruise lines are adding yoga classes. Here, enjoying a quiet moment on board a Celebrity Cruise vessel.

Ports in Florida and California hosted the most cruise passengers last year, but Hawaii, New York, New Orleans, Galveston, Seattle and Boston each served as departure points for hundreds of thousands more. Smaller ports like Baltimore and Charleston, S.C., are increasingly busy.

Once on board, families can dine together, then separate to pursue individual interests. The old cruise model — eat a big meal, then sit in a deck chair until you dock somewhere interesting — has been replaced by parties for teenagers, games for kids, playspaces

for toddlers, and spas, gyms and seminars for adults.

Some cruises use themes to attract passengers. The 900-person Regal Princess will be crawling with twentysomethings when it features "jambands" and their marathon concerts on January cruises. As a result of the recent Massachusetts court ruling on same-sex marriage, a weeklong "honeymoon cruise" for 1,200 women departs Boston for Montreal on July 4, featuring singer k.d. lang; the cruise is sponsored by Olivia Cruises, which specializes in cruises for women.

Despite a series of public relations nightmares this year, the number of passengers who take cruises each year keeps going up, with a record-breaking 8.3 million North Americans expected to cruise in 2003. BETH J. HARPAZ (AP)



Ashoka funds new ideas in education, health, environment, and democracy, on 5 continents and here in DC.

India's 48 million street kids need help. Fellow street kids answer the call and link them to social services.



Childline is now in 54 cities in India. Founded by Ashoka Fellow Jerro Billimoria.

ASHOKA INNOVATORS FOR THE PUBLIC
Please select CFC #1403 • www.ashoka.org/express



FAST CASH!

\$200 - \$750

NO CREDIT? NO PROBLEM!

JOB AND DD REQ'D

888-257-7524

WWW.YOURCASHBANK.COM

Home & Fashion.
Fridays.

express

XX247

AS SEEN ON:
ABC's 20/20
EXTRA TV
USA TODAY

LANDAU
Encore Presentation



SEE 100'S OF UNIQUE DESIGNS

MOISSANITE
Created by
CHARLES & COLVARD

TRUNK SHOW SALE FOR 3 DAYS ONLY!

Fri Dec 12th thru Sun 14th



2.00 TCWT* 3-Stone Anniversary

Normally \$1,499

Trunk Show Special Only \$999

Compares in Diamond At \$13,000.00**



1.00 TCWT* Past-Present & Future Pendant

Normally \$589

Trunk Show Special Only \$449

Compares in Diamond At \$4,900.00**

ALL MOISSANITE
20% OFF
JEWELRY



1.00 TCWT* Stud Earrings

Normally \$489

Trunk Show Special Only \$399

Compares in Diamond At \$4,500.00**



1.50 CT* Lucern Design

Normally \$1,499

Trunk Show Special Only \$999

Compares in Diamond At \$15,500.00**

Tysons Corner • 7995 Tysons Corner Center (703) 356-3760

Fri 10AM-10PM, Sat 9AM-10PM, Sun 9AM-8PM

Images enlarged to show detail. *Jewelry solid 14kt gold. CT (Carat Wt.) & TCWT (Total Carat Wt.) in equivalent dia. weights for same size jewels. **Compared to retail I/J, VS1/VS2 dia. similar size.

Fantastic Hot Air Balloon Ride and Soaring Glider Ride Gift Certificates!

23 Years
300,000 Rides
100% Safety
Record

\$79.95
Per Person
Glider Package for Two
After Coupon

"The Best Present Anyone Ever Gave Me!"

The Ultimate Christmas Gift or Fun for Yourself!

Call (410) 781-7050 or 1-800-SOARING now to order your Beautiful Gift Certificate, good for 2 years. We'll send it to you by mail, FedEx or fax. Fly near Washington or at 200 Soaring Adventures Certified Centers nationwide. Welcome aboard! Call now!

www.800soaring.com

\$30.00 Off Coupon (Limited Time) #12



CHRISTIAN HYPNOTHERAPY™

LOSE WEIGHT • QUIT SMOKING \$99*

*Group, VIP, Semi & Private Appts • 202-333-7699



Dr. Peter Wesselton
CCH
Christian Counselor

www.GeorgetownInstitute.org

GET MORE WEEKENDS! PLUS GET A FREE MOTOROLA V.66

WASHINGTON, DC

2109 L. St., NW
(202) 466-7777
Corner of 14th & Lst, NW
(202) 289-7344
Chevy Chase Pavilion
(202) 363-9988
Capitol Hill,
660 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
(202) 546-8818
International Square
(18th & Ist, NW)
(202) 822-1222
L'Enfant Plaza
(202) 863-0100
National Press Building
(14th & Fst, NW)
(202) 662-7662

VIRGINIA

Annapdale (near Magruder's)
(703) 658-4500
Beacon Mall
(703) 721-0800
Centreville (Near Shoppers)
(703) 631-2500
Crystal City Plaza
(703) 416-5040
Crystal City Underground
(703) 413-4500
Landmark Mall (Near Ann Taylor)
(703) 916-0909
Landmark Mall 2 (Near Sears)
(703) 941-5400
Lorton
(703) 690-4900
Manassas (Near Toys R Us)
(703) 368-6800
Merrifield (Gallows Road)
(571) 226-8500
Pentagon City
(703) 415-3456
Potomac Mills
(703) 499-9700
Potomac Mills 2
(703) 490-3518
Quantico
(703) 445-8112
Reagan National Airport
(703) 417-1486
Springfield Mall (1st fl. kiosk)
(703) 971-9898
Springfield Mall (2nd fl. store)
(703) 313-9227
Springfield Mall (Near DMV)
(703) 921-9216
Springfield Mall (Near food court)
(703) 719-7300
Sterling Sugarland Crossing
(571) 434-7000
Tysons Galleria
(703) 714-0422

MARYLAND

Annapolis Mall
(410) 224-3300
Annapolis Mall 2
(410) 841-6399
Arundel Mills (Across from Gameworks)
(443) 755-8700
Columbia Mall
(410) 964-9400
Congressional Plaza
(301) 468-7735
FSK Mall (Near Ritz Camera)
(301) 694-0088
FSK Mall 2
(301) 620-1500
Valley Mall (Near Garfield's)
(301) 223-7881
Valley Mall 2 (Near Eatery)
(301) 223-7606
Laurel Mall (in front of Hecht's)
(301) 317-6200
Montgomery Mall
(301) 365-5600
St. Charles Towne Centre
(301) 374-2021
Wheaton Plaza
(301) 946-6300
White Flint Mall
(301) 881-8040
White Oak
(301) 592-1470

\$39.99 per month*

T-MOBILE 3-DAY WEEKEND PLAN

- **600** whenever minutes
- **UNLIMITED** calling on Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- No long distance or roaming charges

Add nights for just \$4.99

Transferring your wireless number?
Bring us your bill.

Annual contract required.

PRESENT THIS
AD FOR FREE GIFT
WITH PURCHASE!



Motorola V.66
SRP. \$49.99

ORDER BY PHONE
1-866-343-2735

★BONUS CODE: EXP1210



Text messaging: a simple way to stay in touch.

T-Mobile
authorized dealer

Simply Wireless
making communication simple™

*Special price with new activation of rate plans \$34.99 and above. Offer expires 12/31/03. Some restrictions apply.

If you are not satisfied with our service, you may cancel within 14 days of activation with no early cancellation fee. ©2003 SERVICE INFORMATION: †Limited time offer; subject to change. Coverage only available on our domestic GSM/GPRS network and that of our roaming partners ("Get More network"). Domestic long distance (but not for credit card, calling card or operator-assist calls) and roaming are on the Get More network. Weekends are midnight Thu. to midnight Sun. Credit approval, \$35 activation fee and 1-year agreement required with \$200 early cancellation fee per line. Use of our service constitutes acceptance of our Terms and Conditions including mandatory arbitration. Taxes, USF and other charges additional. Unused allowances lost. Partial minutes used are rounded up and charged at the full minute rate; calls measured from when the network begins to process the call (before the phone rings or the call is answered) through its termination of the call. Rates are for domestic calls. Billing of roaming charges and minutes of use or services may be delayed. Devices sold for use on our GSM/GPRS systems and may not be compatible with other wireless systems. Additional restrictions apply; see brochure and Terms and Conditions for details. PHONE INFORMATION: At participating retailers. While supplies last; shipping charges apply. Rebate mail-in offer requires purchase of the phone listed and new activation on qualified rate plan. You must be on qualified rate plan when rebate is processed. T-Mobile is a registered trademark of Deutsche Telekom AG.

Travel



TOOLS: These counterfeit credit cards were encoded with stolen card numbers.

Stay Yourself

CRIME | For Claudia Lezell, the nightmare began more than two years ago when she filled out a credit card application, shoved it in an envelope and forgot it in her hotel room. A month later, an avalanche of calls from credit card companies began. Lezell still hasn't straightened out the identity theft, which she traced to a hotel maid.

Identity theft doesn't take vacations. You can take steps to reduce your chances of being victimized while traveling. Among them:

Deal with the mail. Linda Foley of the Identity Theft Resource Center recommends filing a vacation stop order with the post office. A major identity theft ring, whose members were indicted this month in San Diego, was accused of breaking into locked mailboxes, Foley says.

Don't take your Social Security card on trips. Don't take your medical insurance card either. It may contain Social Security numbers. Instead, have the insurer fax the card to you if you need it.

"Protect your information as if it were a newborn," Foley says. In other words, don't let it out of your sight. Insist on having your credit card processed in front of you. Don't give out personal information when talking on cell phones in public places or while using public phones, especially at airports.

If you carry a personal digital assistant, make sure it's password-protected to freeze functions. "People put their entire lives into their Palm Pilots," Foley says. "Thieves open it up, push a few buttons and it's all there."

JANE ENGLE (L.A. TIMES)

There's So Much Junk In the Air

FOOD | Chips, a chocolate bar and a ham sandwich. That's what many airline passengers are buying now that in-flight food service has been replaced with goodies for sale.

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine found that

only Delta's Song Airline consistently provided "healthy options," defined as vegetarian or vegan (egg- and dairy-free) meals.

The committee also found healthy meals could be special-ordered ahead of time by calling Alaska, American or United. But the doctors' organization recommended that passengers who want low-cholesterol, low-fat and high-fiber food from other airlines "will want to pack a lunch or purchase a meal in the airport before boarding." (AP)

Flee the cold: Fly from Washington to Ft. Lauderdale and other Florida stops for \$150 roundtrip. Find this and other deals at washingtonpost.com/travel.



The LexmarkPrinTrio™ X1150 has easy-to-use features to help you print, scan, copy and even save with a price of **under \$100**. Get the multifunctionality to match your multi-personality. Available now with a **FREE Staples 2-Year Technical Support and Protection Plan** for a limited time. Offer valid until 1/03/04.*

*See store for details. Prices are subject to change without notice. Lexmark, Lexmark with diamond design and We're Always Working are trademarks of Lexmark International, Inc. registered in the United States and/or other countries. All other logos are trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective owners. ©2003 Lexmark International, Inc.

LEXMARK
We're Always Working.™
www.lexmark.com

STAPLES®

that was easy.sm

Now available at all area Staples stores including:

Store

Herald Square Building, 1250 H Street, NW
1901 L Street, NW
6800 Wisconsin Ave, Chevy Chase, MD
3301 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA

Closest Metro

Metro Center
Farragut North/West
Bethesda
Crystal City

Staples and Lexmark proudly support the **Boys and Girls Clubs of America**. Stop by any local Staples store to donate \$1 to help our kids and communities.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

Classifieds

JOB

ACCOUNTING/FINANCE

Budget Analyst

Int'l consulting firm has immediate need for a person with gov't pricing & cost analysis experience for onsite support of federal client. Candidate must be CPA or have bachelor's degree in accounting. 5 to 7 yrs. experience necessary including 2 plus with gov't preferred. Excellent spreadsheet, interpersonal, communication skills a must. Knowledge of Spanish/French a plus. Position is based in Rockville, MD and may require some travel to developing countries. Salary range 45 to 55k with excellent benefits. Send resume and salary information to intresume@hotmail.com or fax 703.903.9301

ARCHITECTS—Silver Spring firm needs Project Architects. 5-7 years exper. CAD proficiency required. Fax resume to (301) 608-8199.

ATTENTION NICE PEOPLE

Come join a winning team and help sell out the National Symphony Orchestra's best season ever! Classical music/sales exp. a plus. PT evening and day. Free tix, mgmt pot. Call 202-797-0083 between 1 pm & 4pm.

AUTO — Busy No.Va. service station looking for VA state inspector. Excellent pay, benefits, working environment. Please call 703-978-0707.

AUTO

HOTEL VALET ATTENDANTS

All shifts. 50 positions avail. Good driving recd req'd. Call 202-626-6959 for more info. or apply in person: JW Marriott, Valet Dept, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Wash. DC 20004.

AUTO SALES

DARCARS

No experience necessary. we will train. The **DARCARS Automotive Group** is the #1 vol. Auto group in the Washington Metro area with 25 dealerships in Montgomery Co., P.G. Co., Frederick Co., Charles Co. and Fairfax Co. Due to the enormous growth of our company we are seeking highly motivated, customer friendly, career minded individuals to join our team of professionals.

We offer:

- **Company car**
- **401K,**
- **Paid vacation**
- **\$80K+ first year earning potential**
- **Rapid advancement into management**

For interview apply in person to **Sam Bruner** M - F between 9:30am- 7pm At **DARCARS** Mazda, 12214 Cherry Hill Rd., Silver Spring, MD. (Corner of Rte. 29 and Cherry Hill Rd.)(301) 622-0020.

AUTO TECHNICIAN—Busy No.Va. service station looking for certified tech. Excellent pay, benefits, working environment. Call 703-978-0707.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIANS NEEDED

Experienced Techs. Apply in person to John Gleason at Saturn of Alexandria, 1605 Fern St, Alexandria, Va. 22302 Saturnsvc@hotmail.com 703-998-3422



b,p RESTAURANT COOKS & SERVERS

FT/PT pos for IHOP Restaurants, PG Co & Clinton, MD/No. Va. Alex/Comfort Inn. Phone/fax 301-441-3144

BOOKKEEPER

Need full Charge bookkeeper 4 small, growing Cap Hill software co. All AP, AR, GL. QkBs essential. Exlnt future 4 strong performer. e-mail res to **HR@casetech.net**.

CABINET INSTALLERS—Only professional and reliable need apply. Must have own tools and transportation. Good pay and benefits. 703-765-8333

CARPENTERS

Framers needed. Great pay + benefits. Winter work. Call 703-590-4510.

Computer



JOB FAIR

WE NEED YOU IMMEDIATELY

- SIEBEL LEAD DEVELOPER
- SIEBEL DBA/ARCHITECT
- SIEBEL DEVELOPER

THURSDAY-DECEMBER 11, 2003 FROM 1:00-7:00pm

4301 WILSON BLVD
ARLINGTON, VA 22203
SECOND FLOOR

For more information and job descriptions please visit www.pearsongov.com

BEAUTICIAN & MANICURIST—Cleveland Park. 301-656-0820.

BEAUTY—Hairdresser & Nail Tech experienced. Sal. + comm. Busy location. Near Metro. 202-783-6565

BEAUTY SALON—Serious, exper'd Stylists wanted for Booth Rent or Commission. 301-404-6622.

CARETAKER—needed several hrs p/day to assist elderly woman w/personal care in Glen Echo area. Must have refs. Call Eric (301) 674-0781.

CASHIER/AR CLERK needed in Hyattsville, MD. Salary based on exper. Benefits available. Please fax resume to 301-779-0295 Attn: Cindy.

COUPLE for Great Falls, VA—Hands-on to clean, cook & gen'l upkeep of home. Child friendly. Flex. hrs., live in/live out Sal. \$80K+, w/benefits. Call 410-659-9200

COURIERS \$\$\$—Great pay, \$350 to \$750 every week. Cars, vans, trucks. Call 301-652-2118

DANCE

Openings for ball room teachers & mgrs in MD & VA. Free training if qualified. Start at \$14+/hr. call **301-424-0007**

DATA ENTRY CLERK—Entry level. FT & PT postion. Typing skills. Work flexible schedule. 202-452-7653.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST— with dental assisting exper. College background a must. in PG Co. Call (301) 474-2505 or Fax (301) 474-2507.

DISPATCH/OPS MGR—DC & Balto. courier co. Exp. req. in a high volume, computer based, on demand courier service. Comp. & career path commensurate w/exp. & performance. 301-470-5620

DRIVER \$\$\$
Earn \$400-\$1100/wk. Busy courier co. Need great knowledge of DC or Balto. geo. & own vehicle or bike. Apply online www.citypl.com or 301-470-5620

DRIVERS
CDL drivers and bucket operators needed for NoVA tree company. Excellent benefits. Call 703-821-1332.

Drivers

Take home cash daily
when you drive for us.

- \$500-\$750 weekly
- Flexible Hours
- Clean Vehicles
- Training Provided

Must be 24 years old
with a clean MD, DC or VA
Driver's License.

Call 301-984-8294
BARWOOD TAXI
Driven For Excellence
JOB CODE: EXP02

ELECTRICIANS

Excellent pay + benefits.
Call 703-590-4510.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS—50 executive assistants needed for long-term assignments in DC & VA locations. Ideal candidates will be highly organized & have excellent software skills in Microsoft Office Suites with 3-5 years in executive support & type 45 wpm. Security clearance a plus but not necessary. Please contact Ms. White at 202-835-0190 or e-mail resumes to: iwhite@answerstaffingservices.com

Driver- Tow Truck exp driver, DFree, clean driving record. Call 301-386-9383 M. Ruppert.

DRIVERS

Route Knowledge Of / Work in local depo of Chantilly or Northern VA. Call Mr Paul 3014193565 EX8034

DRYWALL—Comm'l interior contractor needs Dry-wall Mechanic. Must be US Citizen, have own transp. & tools. Call 301-330-5004

ENGINEERING/MAINT—Beth, MD. 3 yrs. exper. elec, plumbing, HVAC & carpentry. Office & retail property. Fax resume (301) 907-0394

FITNESS/PERSONAL TRAINERS—Certified. Exper'd. FT/PT. \$400/wk + Bonus. Starting Salary. Pls fax resume to: 301-987-2295 or Email: royalfitness@comcast.net

FURNITURE REFINISHERS/ CARPENTERS/PAINTERS

\$\$\$\$\$500-700/wk. If you would like to learn the lucrative business of furniture refinishing, CALL TODAY - Mr. White, 800-523-9448.

HOUSEKPR Live in—Kalorama, DC. FT, flex sched. cooking, good organ. skills. Must have driver's lic. Sal. nego. w/benes. Call 410-659-9200.

Landscaping/Garnder. FT needed immediately for the French Embassy with a least 3yrs exp. Metro Area. Fax resume to 202-944-6175.

LEGAL SECRETARY

Silver Spring, MD. Criminal defense & other exciting work. Top pay & bens. Legal exp. req'd. Apply by text resume & cover letter to justice@markskatz.com

MARKETING/ENTRY LEVEL

SPORTS AND MORE

Growing Adv. Co. handling a wide range of clients has **FULL TIME ROOKIE** pos. in E-LVL:

- Sales
- Marketing
- Promotions

No Exp. Nec. Rapid Advcmnt. **MUST BE ABLE TO START IMMED** College Degree preferred! Up to \$40K 1st yr. Call Emily @ 703-534-7056 or fax resume to 703-534-7076.

MORTGAGE BANKING — Alexandria mortgage co. is looking for an exper'd **Loan Processor** w/at least 3 yrs exper processing B/C non conforming loans. Excel work environment & compensation pkg. Fax resume & salary compensation history to 703-823-4455, attn Kathleen

MUSIC-CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR

Trinity UMC in Mclean, VA is seeking a vibrant, energetic person to be Director, Children's Choir Program & Song Leader for early Sunday service. PT position, 12-15 hrs/wk teaching songs & music to our youth. Please fax resume to 703-356-9119 or call 703-356-3312

NANNY—Rockville. F/T. Must drive. 301-424-8892.

NEWSPAPER CARRIERS

6 days a week for free publication. Own transportation required.
Call Tania, 703-866-9947.
For paid publication, also 6 days a week. Call Dexter 571-237-4385.

Nurse Practitioner Washington DC area, opportunity for DC certified nurse practitioners to provide primary care in a long-term care setting. Acute care/vent exp a +. for FT position. prev long-term care exp pref. Please send resume to Edward Cruz Fax 914-686-4227.

PAINTING COATING CREWS—Needed immed for liquid siding. 2-3 Person Crews. Need own equipment. Great pay scale. Pay on completion. Call 703-222-3322.

MED RECEIPT—need FT or PT. for FFX (Fair Oaks) ofc w/2 specialists. Comp. salary + benes. Fax resume (703) 273-8605 or call (703) 273-8479.

Models, Actors, Singers & Dance

TV, music & fashion videos also movies and print. 1-215-618-1551.

NBC's Starting Over seeks women 18 and up to change their lives on television! Come to our Casting Call, Sat. Dec. 13, YWCA of the National Capital Area, 624 9th St. NW, Washington DC, 20001, 10am-5pm. Call 888-633-8149 or visit www.startingover.tv for details.

PROPERTY MANAGER

DC housing firm seeks applicants to multifamily rental, co-op and condo properties in NW & SE DC.

Requires: Supervisory housing managemnt experience, computer use, good resident communication, maintenance supervision, budgeting & car use. Sesc. 8 TRACS & Spanish helpful.

Computer Salary & Benefits
FAX Resume to: Mr. Collington at (202) 363-7198
Principals Only - EEO

Restaurant



Join the Pacific Northwest's Premier Seafood Restaurant

For three decades, McCormick and Schmick's Seafood Restaurants have been a showcase for fresh quality seafood, friendly and gracious service in an elegant and timeless atmosphere.

We are currently hiring for 'full service restaurant' experienced servers, bartenders, cocktail servers, hosts, bussers, line cooks, prep cooks and dishwashers for our newest location at 901 F Street NW in Washington DC. In addition to our great atmosphere, you will enjoy excellent earning potential and insurance benefits for full time staff after six months of employment.

We are accepting applications on Monday, December 8 and Tuesday, December 9 at the MS GRILL, 600 13th Street NW (Metro Center), between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Please apply in person and ask for Craig or Tommy.

We will also be conducting a **Job Fair** on Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Courtyard Marriott, 900 F Street N.W. (Gallery Place, 9th Street Exit) Please apply in person.

Restaurant Management—\$28-60K. Offering a 5 day work week with exc benefits. Must have 2 + yrs exper. Fax resume to 703-367-0408 or email dcjobz@cs.com

RESTAURANT

WAITER/WAITRESS needed for busy Irish rest. downtown. Exper. pref'd. Please call 202-216-0046.

SALES—Expanding co. is looking for motivated sales person. High hourly rate + commission. Call 301-881-6999

SALES REP—for Avon. Earn extra \$\$\$. Call Jeanette 301-856-8082

Security-SECURPROS
Email: personnel@securpros.com
301-459-8322 X 3 **FAX 301-459-8324**

TRUCK DRIVER NEEDED. CDL class A. Must be able to operate small equipment. Call 703-359-0500.

VET ASSISTANT and KENNEL HELP
Herndon area. Call (703) 435-3335

WAREHOUSE

TPSI has immed. openings in DC & MD for laborers. Indv. must have 1yr exp. & be able to lift 71 lbs. For additional info call 301-578-8585; fax 301-578-8698.

STUFF

GRANDFATHER CLOCK — 6'3" By Holland House. Still in box, w/warr. Must sell. Can deliver.\$295. Call 800-657-4157.

HOLIDAY BARGAINS !!

Pll Start at \$39
Plll Start at \$149
17" Monitors Start at \$49
IBM Plll w/ 17" Mon. \$189
Dell Plll 733 DVD w/ 17" Mon. \$289
VA: 703-821-1400 MD: 301-931-6630

OLD ORIENTAL RUGS & TAPESTRY
Any size or condition.
301-424-9596

PLAYER PIANOS, PIANOS, PUMP ORGANS
Rebuilt, tuned, bought & sold. 1-800-862-2138

POOL TABLES — Clearance Sale!
All brands. Guar lowest prices.
Immed deliv. 301-927-8811

SOFA (2)—Matching Gold sofaa, weeks old, 72" long, \$2000 for the pair. 301-229-5412; 202-418-2154

THEATRE SEATS —Luxurious red row of 4 seats, motorized w/aluminum cup holders, \$4200 new asking \$2100. 703-319-9431

DIAM RING—7 Ct. Appr. \$88,500. Sac \$49,000 w/ROLEX. 703-385-3388

MEDICAL VENDING MACHINE (16) NEW —Fully stocked, ready to go. \$200 ea. 703-899-2192.

TICKETS

BOXING "Night of Undisputed Champions"-Hopkins vs Joppy —\$125-\$950. 301-943-8942

Simon&Garfunkel*Ravens*Caps*B2K
B. Midler*Groban*Sting*M. Manson
410-496-1817 **www.aah-tickets.com**

WIZARDS * REDSKINS

JANE'S ADDICTION

SIMON & GARFUNKEL

TERPS * CAPS * RAVENS

301-985-6250

www.greatseatsUSA.com

PETS

ALASKAN MALAMUTE PUPS—AKC, M/F, \$600. Ready. 540-552-6255

LAB MIX PUPS

Shots. \$200-\$250.

540-955-1841, 540-247-9274

PUG PUPS—AKC, black & fawn, 8 wks, 1st shots, parents on premises, \$550. 301-420-3886

PUPPIES • MIXED BREED

Shots. \$200 to \$250

540-955-1841; 540-247-9274

APARTMENTS

ABLE TO AFFORD-Yet Got Denied?
Don't despair! Places MD/DC/VA

Call: **The Right Place 888-813-5689**

ALEX/DEL RAY—Charming 2BR house near Old Town/Crystal City. Walk to restaurants, shopping & Metro. All amenities, off-street parking. \$1700. 202-986-1482

ALEX/Watergate—gorg 2BR, 2BA Penthouse, in/ out pools, shuttle bus. \$1500 inc uttl. 571-277-1831

ALEXANDRIA

2BR Condominium. Walk to Huntington Metro. \$1250/mo. Available January 1st, 2004.
Call 703-501-0826

ARL—2BR, 2BA. \$1475, incl utils, avail immed. Call 703-898-1486

ARL/BALLSTON—2BR 1BA. 2 blks to Subway. cac. pkg. d/w. \$1495 incl utils. Call 703-623-2633

ARL/BALLSTON **LUXURY**
Brand new lux condo, excel amens, 1BR, \$1495. 703-642-2288 Eves 703-893-6092

ARL/CRYSTAL CITY —1 & 2BR apts, all utils incl. w/CATV, nr Metro/shops/rest. Free prkg. Sht-term lease. Starting at \$1100. 703-979-3772

ARL/Fairlington
2 lvs, 2BR, 1BA, w/d, bright \$1250. Cls to everything: pools & tennis. 3 mis to Pentagon. 703-532-8939

ARL/FAIRLINGTON **\$1725**
Beautiful 2BR, 2BA TH w/renov. bsmt. No pets/ smkg. Prkng. pool, tennis courts, & mins to Metro. Avail immed. Call 703-821-1917

ARL N./Clarendon—SBR, 2BA, frpl, w/d, hdwd flrs, walk to Metro, market, o/a, \$3450. 703-527-6415

ARL N

KEY BRIDGE-GEOTWN

4BRs & 2BAs. \$1495

703-527-3377. aft 6:30

ARL N/MCLEAN—lg. 1-BR, sep. unit in lux hse. All amens. Pvt. entr. Tennis. W/D. Nr Metro. \$795. 703-915-9365

ARL S—5 min to DC, 2BR 1 BA duplex, cac, d/w, fncd yard, avail 12/1/03, \$1275. Cell 703-963-2645

BETH N/GROSVENOR **\$910**
Lg effcy on upper flr w/new paint & crpt. Move-in cond. 1 blk Metro.
Call Peter, 301 493-4149
Fairfax Realty.

BETH/NIH—New, 1 BR, W/D, sht/long term \$1300 utils incl. 301-530-0541

BETH/Parkside—Must see! 1BR, Metro, TF avl now. N5/NP, incl uts. LM 301-530-6753/641-0770 Cell.

BETH—Well maint. 4BR, 3BA, walk to Metro. Quiet street nr bike path & Leland Rec Ctr. \$2975/mo +utils. Avail mid Dec. 301-986-5643

CAP HILL/1533 C St. S.E. —Large 2 BR, 1 BA, cac, w/d, fncd rear yard. \$1350/mo. + utils.
Thomas D. Walsh Rltr **202-237-8488**

CAP HILL—Furnished efficiency & 1-BR apts. Nr. Supreme Court & Metro. \$1250 up.202-547-7767. www.thecongressional.com

CHANTILLY TOWNHOUSE RENTAL
Immac 3BR, 1½BA 2 lvl TH, cntry kitch, fncd yd, w/d, cable ready, great loc. Wlk to shpg & bus. Pool & tennis commun. Avail now. \$1195. 703-759-5229

CHEVY CHASE/The Irene of Chevy Chase
1,2 & 3 BEDROOMS Metro, doorman, shuttle bus
Incredible-Spectacular Rents.
Please call Nancy, 301-652-1930

APARTMENTS

CAP HEIGHTS/Landover—5BR totally renov. Sec. 8 OK. 240-375-1436

CAP HEIGHTS, MD—Renovated, clean. \$425/mo. 240-375-1436

CAP HILL—Newly remod 3BR, new kit, wind ac, prkg. Truitt Mgmt, 202 547-2707.

CAP HTS—2BR, 1FBA, w/w, Section 8 welcome. \$1200/mo+utils. Open Sat & Sun 4-7 301-333-8730

CATH—Brick Col. 3BR. 2½ BA. fncd yard. garage. \$2500. 202-237-2775.

COLLEGE PK—4BR 3FBA CAC, fin bsmt avl immed, \$1600. 301-879-8179/593-3089/792-0207

CONN AVE—Large 1 Bedroom near Zoo. \$1400 includes utilities. Call Mickey 703-244-4181

DOWNTOWN **FREE UNTIL JANUARY**
Lux brand new 1BR, 1BA loft. Spectacular views & superb finishes. Next to Metro. 916 G St. N.W. #706. 202-462-6260 ialter@weichert.com

DUP CIR/1425 17th St, NW
Freshly redecorated! 1 BR \$1150. All utls incl. ac, d/w CATV/Internet ready. No pets. 202-232-4641. **Phillips Property Mgmt Inc.**

DUP CIR/1755 CHURCH ST—Modern 1BR w/hdwd flrs, conven to Metro/shops, \$1580/mo+utils. **Thomas D. Walsh Rltr** 202-237-8488

DUP CIR—Great loc. 2 blks metro. Maid svc. 24hr desk. Laundry room. Dailys from \$44 & weekly from \$165/week. Brickseller Inn. 1523 22nd St, NW 202-293-1885

DUPONT CIRCLE—Stunning Jr. 1BR w/prk'g, sunny, hdwd, newly painted, spac closets, brand new refrig/range, 24/7 front desk, \$1500 incl utls, Avl immed, 202-415-4664

DUPONT/Logan Circle Area—Large Sunny studio, 2 blks fr Whole Food, hw flrs, 24-hr sec bldg, roof top pool, avl immed \$1150 uts inc 301-299-8990

FALLS CH—SFH, newly renov, nr. Arl. in upscale posh nbrhd., close in conv. loc. nr. Metro, 5 mins. DC & Pentagon, wlk. mall, 3 fin. lvls, 3BR, 3 FB, wkout bsmt, new kit, w/granite cntrtops. Avl immed. \$1995. Call Shad: Wkend/Eve-703 587-5141 Weekdays-703 893-9644

FALLS CHURCH—3BR, 2½BA, nr Metro, schools, bike trail & 66. Sect. area, immed occup. \$1550+utls. 703-932-1354 or 703-723-4575.

FOG BOT/Jefferson Hse—Lrg top flr effcy condo. Sec'l, pool, nr Metro. Avl imm. \$1100. Dep. 202-546-2372

FOG BOT/Swarthmore—Bright 7th flr 1BR condo, hdwd flrs. Nr Metro. Avl immed. \$1400. Dep. 202-546-2372

FOGGY BOT—941 25th St, str lvl, lrg 1BR, hdwd flrs, mod kit, cac, w/d, pvt brkd-inpato, poss OSP. \$1350/mo+ utls. **Thomas D. Walsh Rltr** 202-237-8488

GEO/TOWN/1514 31ST ST, NW—1BR, w/d, ac, convenient to shops, \$1350/mo+utls. **Thomas D. Walsh Rltr** 202-237-8488

GLOVER PK **2626-2634 Tunlaw Rd NW**
Freshly remod Effcys & 1 BRs from \$895. All utls incl. No pets. Excel loc. Call Tony. 202-625-2237. **Phillips Property Mgmt Inc.**

GREAT FALLS—Sunny, pvt. furn. studio. 6 mi. fr. Tysons, DSL wireless, catv, deck, kit., Indry, n/smkg. \$1250 mo. incs. utls. 703-759-2685

LARGO—TH, 2 lvls, 2BR, 1½BA, W/D, w/w, frpl, nr bus, \$1100/mo+utls. 301-630-4431

LORTON—1BR bsmt, pvt entr., W/D \$875+utls. 1/15/04. 703-550-2317

MANASSAS—New lux TH, 4-BR 3½-BA, dk, fin. bsmt., & more. Easy commute (VA rail or I-66). \$1600. Short-long term. 571-277-5335

MCLEAN \$2600 AVAILBALE IMMEDIATELY
4/5BR, open fr plan, loc in heart of McLean, cls toshops/schls/public transp ideal in-law. suite w/ sep ent, 703-447-1148 Day/703-698-8786 Evenings

NE/1101 19TH St—Large 2BR, \$717/mo+utls, close to Hechinger Mall. **Thomas D. Walsh Rltr** 202-237-8488

NE/1606 K St—Lg 1BR w/hdwd flr, coin op laundry on premise; close to Hechinger Mall & transp. Section 8 OK. \$675/mo. inclds heat & hot water. **Thomas D. Walsh Rltr** 202-237-8488

NE/1616 K St—Lg 2BR w/hdwd flr, coin op laundry on premise; close to Hechinger Mall & transp. Sec 8 ok, \$849/mo. inclds heat & hot water. **Thomas D. Walsh Rltr** 202-237-8488

NE/4151 Minn Ave—Large 1BR, hdwd floor, across Minn. Metro, \$500+utls. **Thomas D. Walsh Rltr** 202-237-8488

NE/Woodridge—Non-smoking furnished 1BR with den, pvt. entrance. \$650 all utls included. On bus line. No pets. 202-635-8035

NORTH POTOMAC \$1800
Renov. 3BR, 2½BA end TH, fin bsmt. Shows like a model! W/incred view of parkland. Avail 12/30. Joyce Wehrle Re/Max Allegiance 301-655-3377

NW/1529 6th St—2BR apt, skylights, w/d, d/w, CAC, private. 1 block to Metro. \$1495. 301 630-5902 x8

ROCKVILLE/BETH PARK—Beaut 2BR 1BA, like new, \$1200 utls incl. 301-829-8264

SE—1 BR & 1BR w/den \$600 & up+elec. No pets. 202-265-4814; 202-889-4083 **Fred A. Smith Co.**

OAK HILL/Fox Mill Estates—Nicely maintained 4BR, 2BA SFH in sought after nght on quiet cul de sac. Nice yd. Cls to schls, shops, pool & tennis. \$1600/mo+utls. Avail 2/5. 703-716-8384

RATES ARE RISING—Don't miss the Boat. Refinance your home today. Low interest rates are still available. Consolidate debt/or take out cash at lower rates. Call 202-441-0014.

ROCKVILLE/KING FARM \$2000
Brand new 3BR TH with 2 car garage. 3 finished levels. 301 455-1103

SE/1301 U St—Lge 2BR w/coin-op laundry on prem, nr Metro, \$672/mo incl utls, **Thomas D. Walsh Rltr** 202-237-8488

SE/1941 NAYLOR Rd—Lrg 1BR, hdwd flrs, brand new kit & wndws, \$550. Lg 2BR, hdwd flrs, brand new kit, new wndws, \$659; incl ht & hot wtr. **Thomas D. Walsh Rltr** 202-237-8488

SE/5212 E St—Lge 1BR, w/coin-op on prem, close to Benning Metro, \$525+ electric. **Thomas D. Walsh Rltr** 202-237-8488

SIL SPG-\$1750 —9609 Dallas Ave. 4BR, 3BA, bsmt, deck, porch, Call Richtmyer R.E. 301-299-9525 ; 301-990-6929.

SIL SPG/Leisure World—Lux. Condo. Must be 55 yo+., 1BR, 1 BA. Jan. 1. \$1250/mo. + elec. 301-203-0871

SPRINGFIELD—Bright 1 BR, 1 BA condo. W/D, pool, Metro. 1/2 mo. FREE rent. \$1100. 703-451-1341.

SPRINGFLD—3BR, 4BA, gar. Shuttle to metro. \$1900. 925-595-5497 cell

STERLING/Sugarland—Preview! Freshly carpeted & painted. Huge 3 or 4 BR, 2.5 BA TH w/frpl. Ready for move-in next week. Conv to Rt 7 & shppg. \$1450/mo. Call Ownr/Agt. 703-893-9811

S.W.-2BR condo, gated community. OSP, 15 min to downtwn, \$950/mo, gd credit & ref req. 301-753-8291

TAK PK—Effcy apt, nr park & bus, w/w carp, full kitch, w/d, pkg. NS/dogs. \$675 incl heat. 301-474-1979

TYSONS/VIENNA •END-UNIT TH •TWO CAR GARAGE
Former model brkct townhome, 3 bedrms, 3½ baths, 2 fpls, jacuzzi, Jennaire, sub-zero, Corian and more. Gas heat, beautiful condition. \$2500/mo. Call 703-734-9444 or 703 909-3797

VIENNA 2BR CONDO
Brand new Acadia 2 BR, 2 BA condo, 5 min walk to metro, W/D, fpl, 24 hr fitness ctr, pool, gar pkg. \$1550 Call 703-587-7341

VIENNA—3BR 2.5ba. w/d/w/w.deck. wlk to shops. \$1400. 703-641-5790

VIENNA METRO—New lux 1BR condo, balc, W/D, rsrvd prkg sp. Avail now. \$1150+-. 202-352-5345

WOODBRIDGE
Cozy 2 & 3BR w/fplc., 3BR at \$1099. Free firewood incl. Special this wk only: 1 month rent free. Call Sarita, 703-494-5265.

ROOMMATES

HERNDON/RESTON—Sh hse. Rms for rent, nr shops, toll rd, bus, avl immed. 703-899-2192.

LeDROIT PARK—Historical U St. Shr newly renov. house w/pvt., furn. rm w/BA. Inclds TV, stereo, DVD, DSL & parking. Prof. or grad student OK. \$800/mo. + deposit. 240-505-5558 or 202-332-1053.

ROCKV—Fully furn'd BR in house, close to transp, kit, d/w, w/d, w/w, \$415/\$445+uts 301-460-5177

SIL SPG/Downtown—Close to 2 Metros, M/F shr TH, w/d, large & small bedroom, 301-675-1242

CONDOS

ADAMS MORGAN/DUPONT CIRCLE THE DREW CONDOS
3 renov condo units, European kitch, bamboo flrs, new applcs/BA, STARTING AT \$160K-\$180K 1822 15th St, NW, Wash DC 20009 Call 571-228-9694 703-625-8495

ALEX/Place 1 Condo—1BR, 1BA new remod w/ granite, marble, Fr doors, etc, gorg! \$163,500. 571-277-1831

ANNAN—Awesome 2 BR, 2 BA condo, Heritage Court penthse, \$215,000. Low fees. Settlement bef. 1/1/04. 703-333-2833 OLREA

Columbia Heights Luxury Condos
3 Condos at 2721 13th St NW w/Parking, Hwd Floors, Granite Kit, Marble and Jacuzzi baths etc. **Open Sun 1-4: 2BR/1.5B \$299K; 2BR/2B \$379K; 3BR/3B \$549K**
Dcmetroptolitanhomes.com Fairfax Realty

Amir Khan (703)629-3541

FORESTVL—\$0 down. 2BR. Wlk Mall. Fpl, \$79,900. 703-370-3319

FT WASH—2BR condo, walk to bus and shops. \$69,900. 703-370-3319

MCLEAN—Luxury bldg, 2BR, 2BA corner unit, hdwd flrs, fully renov. El kit, new HVAC, 2- gar prkg, brkrs welc \$325K FSBO. 917-957-0993.

NW/NIKITA CONDOS 1123 5TH ST. NEW RENOVATED CONDOS AVAILABLE FOR PREVIEW
BY APPT ONLY. 703-625-8495

ALEX \$275,000

RIVER VIEW
Penthouse w/balc., wood flrs, renov kit, upgraded appls, jacuzzi bath, on-site prkg. Don't miss this bright, appealing condo. 801 N Pitt St. #1702. Open Sun. 1-4. **Call Karrina, 703-370-8670. Taylor Brown RES**

HOUSES

16TH ST HTS/N.W. \$350,000
Lovely remodeled 4BR, 2½BA home, sep DR, frpl, den, bsmt, new appls, w/w crpt + more. 1315 Allison St. N.W. Call 301-325-0049.Re/Max First

ALEX/4 BR, 3 BA Colo in wonderful Mt Vernon area. A must see. 571-437-5529, Fairfax RE

ALEXANDRIA NEAR ALL BASES-BRAND-NEW SFH & TOWNHOUSES 3 & 4BRs, 2½Bas, 3 lvls, 1 & 2 car gar. Avail now, 12/1, 1/1, 2/1. Owner finan. avail. Credit issues, bankruptcy no problems, many options. 703-660-6752 Let's Make A Deal

ARL/CRYSTAL CITY (Fox St.)—Conv to Pentagon Row, Potomac Yards, Airport. Bright 2BR, 1.5BA dplx w/hdwd flrs, CAC, w/d, d/w, new kit, lge unfn bsmt. \$1400+utls. Call 301-213-6144

BETH N/Stoneybrook \$439,900 Walk to Metro
3BR, 3.5BA TH. Next to park/trees. Exc cond, neutral, 2fpls. El kit, fin w/o bsmt, w/frpl. 301-896-0552. Email: cloisterth@aol.com. Prin. only.

BETHESDA—FSBO , 2½BA, white brick colo. Walk to downtown Bethesda Metro. 3 lvls, frpl, hdwd flrs, sep Famrm, garage. Brokers welcome

BOWIE \$239,900
3BR, 2BA rambler, upgraded kit/BA/appls, 1 car gar. Closing help. Chris 301-980-4053 Realty Exec 2000

BUYING? SELLING? GET RESULTS!
Call Dean Dillard: 301-753-1053 (SO MD, PG). **Re/Max Colonial Homes**

COLLEGE PK—lot for sale, rare buildable lot Nr UMD & Metro 5500 sq ft, Call Larry Gross 410-715-4470 Re/Max Advantage Realty

COLUMBIA HGHTS—1248 Fairmont St., NW. \$2600. Compl. renov. 4BR, den, 2½BA, 2 zone cac. 5 blocks to metro. Vacant. O/A, 703-356-2212

DC — MEDICAL/PROFESSIONAL 730 24TH ST NW, 1ST FLR - 671 sf, 2+ 20 prkg spaces, 24 hr access. 1/2 blk G.W. Hosp. Could be residential apt. \$265,000. Avl now. 202-625-0261.

DO YOU HAVE A DISTRESSED PROPERTY — Are you a distressed seller? We buy houses for cash. Can probably close in 7 days. Call 240-393-9222

DUPONT 1454 T
This 2BR, 1BA row house is perfection-wood flrs., crown moulding, front/rear grdn, and secure prkng. '99 Renov. inclds: new roof, wdws, kitch., & BA. Full unfn. storage bsmt., \$529,500.Charlie Gaynor 202-246-1333 Tour: www.CityHousesDC.com CITY HOUSES

FALLS CH—7571 Chrisland Cove. \$1850. Waterfront - 2 master suites, loft, balcony, deck, ½ block to metrobus. Vacant. O/A. 703-356-2212.

FALLS CHURCH PRICE REDUCED TO SELL—Lovely rambler. 4BR, 2BA, full bsmt, pvt lot, landscaped, many updates. Must see. Prime loc: 66 & 495. \$374,900. 1813 Gilson St. 703-356-6270

FT WASHINGTON \$275,000
4BR, 2FBA, frpl, hdwd flrs, deck, fncd in yd, 2-car gar, live by the Potomac & nr The Marina, pool, tennis cts & rests. Steven Thames 301-203-9257. Re/Max 100

GET PAID TODAY CASH FOR HOUSES, CONDOS OR MULTI-UNITS 301-649-6029

HARD MONEY LOANS—Residential, commercial, investors welcome. Call 1-866-578-3870

HOME OWNER HELPER
Creative real estate solutions. Mortgage restructure, trade-down to reduce payments. Sell with cash in pocket. Call 703-726-6494

HUNTER/FISHERMAN'S PARADISE—2½ hrs from D.C. area. Near Blue Ridge Pkwy, App. Trl, James R., 4 stckd trout streams, & Nat. Forest. +/- 14 ac, 3BR moblie. Botetourt Co, VA. \$68,000. 540-463-4917

HUNTER'S PARADISE—128 acs, lots of deer & turkey, stocked pond, free gas, great oppty for mountain get away or residence. \$200,000. For details call Mark at 1-800-439-2024.

LANDSDOWNE/LEESBURG—Brick beauty. New lux TH w/3BR & study, 3.5BA, incl jacuzzi, hw flrs, fenc'd yrd, a breathtaking view of mountains from deck, gaur kit, 2 car gar. Avail immed. \$5000 closing costs. w/no agent **\$459,900. 703 437-9051.**

MCLEAN \$950,000
OUT OF THE ORDINARY
3500 s.f. living space. reblt brick & cedar siding. 3 story split foyer, corner lot. 16' cath ceil. 6BR. 4BA. gourmet kit/Courian counters/cherry oak cabinets. Huge Master Suite, w-i closet. Jacuzzi/shower/dbl sink. hdwd flrs on upper lvl. w-o bsmt w/French drs to deck & fncd yard. 571-259-7443 **Don German Real Estate**

NORTHERN NECK VA—New 3BR hm, overlk 2 ponds. Upscale commty, boat slips, pool, etc. Wont last. \$249,500. Call Joe Emerson, Ownr/Agt, Middle Bay Rlty, 410 610-9890 or 800-529-5122

OLNEY/NORBECK GROVE \$629,900
First Offering. Exciting, beaut stone-front colo. Side loading gar, spac. kit & fam rm, 3 fin lvls, 4BR, 3½BA. **SCHLESINGER CO. 301-949-2131**

POTOMAC/River Falls—4BR, 2.5BA, lv lot, backing to dedicated parkland. Tennis, swim club, Whitman Pyle Schl. **\$1,025,000 301-983-2107**

Classifieds

I BUY HOUSES/Any Condition

"Fast \$\$\$\$." 301-466-2425

N.E. 8 P ST.—2800 SF all on one floor, brick garage with bay door. No automotive. \$2300/mo. **Thomas D. Walsh Rltr** 202-237-8488

ORLEAN, VA HORSE FARM \$489,900

Beaut. view of the mtns from your rolling 10 acres. Private & lovely, home & gardens in VA hunt country.

•4/5 BR, 3 BA Colonial •Formal Areas & 2 Frpls •Oversized 2-Car Gar. •Fncd, Barn, Horse Trls •Winding Tree-Lined Drive

Nature at your doorstep. Rear your children in paradise. West of Warrenton, VA in Fauquier Co. 540-364-3706

SIL SPG/Woodlawn Terrace—707 Chichester Ln. Large 5BR, 4BA, det. brick with garage & OSP. cac, full basement. \$2500/mo. **Thomas D. Walsh Rltr** 202-237-8488

SLAUGHTER BEACH, DE—4 waterview Delaware Bay lots avail. 75x102 ft. Public water, on-site septic approval, private road. RE/MAX Twin Counties, Joan, 302-422-2392; 866-80-REMAX

SPRINGFIELD/Burke \$239K FORECLOSURE
3BR, 2½BA, others to choose from. \$1025/mo. 4.5% 5 yr arm. RE/MAX 703-625-9392 www.fixzerodown.com

TYSONS—Open Sun 1-4. 2132 Tysons Exec Ct. Mins to Dunn Loring Metro, 3 lvl, 4BR, 3FBA, det. 6 yr old Colonial in Tysons Exec. Village. \$687,000. Call Ceari at Camelot Realtors, 571-259-4053.

UPPER MARLBORO—Spectacular home. One of a Kind. Kit & MSBA, renov. w/upgrd Designer gourmet kit & delx bath w/jacuzzi, LR, DR, FR w/brk frpl, work shop/studio, hdwd flrs, game rm, 2 tier cust deck w/gazebo, brk patio, alarm sys, gar, lush Indscp. \$309,900. 301-299-8952; Cell 301-792-6427. J. Fling, Fairfax Realty

WE BUY HOUSES/ANY CONDITION. STOP FOR-CLOSURE. 301-346-4394

WHEELS

CAD '93 El Dorado—Burgundy. 97K mi. New eng/ tires. Gar kept. Looks good. \$4400. 202-484-4022

FORD '02 Explorer XLT—4dr, 4x4, leather 73K highway mi, new body style, ex-clean in/out, \$14,500. 443-255-4018

FORD—'66 MUSTANG, 86K mi, 289, body straight, 2nd owner, all orig, needs restor. \$1750 301-371-6399

GMC '80 8000 Diesel—Digger Derrick, Pitman Polecat, 7½ ton crane, top of line. Excel for electrical & construction contractors. Runs good, \$7500. 301-925-4500.

INFINITI—'02 QX4, 4x4, silv/blk, 6 in-dash CD, v.g. cond. 25,700 mi. Ask'g \$26,800/obo. 703-919-0705

PORSCHE '01 911 C-2—Tip, 15Kmi, Xenon, turbo wheels, full leather \$48,950. WBM 703-593-7000

TOYOTA—'01 4RUNNER, red w/tan int, 4WD, snrf, new tires, most opts, 50Kmi, excel cond, Toyota cert. used car warr. \$21,000. 703-303-2127 or 703-404-7200

TOYOTA '00 Sienna XLE—spruce/tan leath, 34,700 mi, ac, rf rk am/fm 6 disk CD cass, psts, cruise, pwr slid dr, ABS \$17,995. 301-869-0268;

TOYOTA '97 4-Runner—Ltd, loaded, Green, V-6, 4x4, 81Kmi, leath, wood console, all pwr, brush guard, new tires, CD. Tow pkg, sunrf, \$15,750. 301-214-2434

Home & Fashion. Fridays.

express

A publication of The Washington Post

XX247

People

ARRESTS
Put That Crack Pipe Down

Funk music pioneer **GEORGE CLINTON** was arrested in Florida Saturday and released on bond. Clinton was sitting by himself in a car early Saturday when a police officer approached him, said a Tallahassee Police spokesman. Clinton tried to hide an item he was holding, dropping it between the seats. The item turned out to be a crack pipe, police said. (AP)

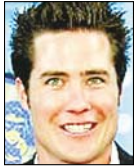


RICHARD GERE WATCH
Love All Around

Actor **RICHARD GERE** hugged a Palestinian legislator and met with Israeli settlers Tuesday during a tour of Israel and the West Bank. Outside an office where he was to meet with Palestinian community leaders, a group of his fans clapped and shouted when they saw him stepping out of his vehicle. (AP)

REALITY
'Future Goals' to Blame

ANDREW FIRESTONE and Jen Schefft from "The Bachelor" have broken up. The heir to the Firestone tire and wine fortune proposed to Schefft in May on the ABC dating show. The couple released a statement on Monday announcing the "amicable" split. "We have come to realize that our future goals are different," said Firestone. (AP)



HEARSAY | WORK ETHIC



"I would open [the restaurant], because I'd be tripping on acid ... and I would say, 'Could I have bathroom duty?' And I would sit in the bathroom and watch the tiles."
—PINK
ON HER TENURE AT MCDONALD'S

PARTINGS
Sofia Bids Adieu
Filmmakers **SOFIA COPPOLA** and **SPIKE JONZE** are splitting after four years of marriage. Coppola,

daughter of Oscar-winning director Francis Ford Coppola, filed divorce papers Friday in Los Angeles County Superior Court. She cited "irreconcilable differences" and said the cou-

ple separated in May. Coppola, 32, wrote and directed the recent "Lost in Translation," starring Bill Murray. Jonze, 34, is the director of "Being John Malkovich." (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area All forecasts provided by **AccuWeather.com ©2003**

Today Hi 50 Lo 44 	Thurs. Hi 54 Lo 32 	Fri. Hi 46 Lo 27 	Sat. Hi 42 Lo 29 	Sun. Hi 43 Lo 34
--	---	---	---	---

UV Index (for solar noon) 1 out of 10, minimal
Air Quality Index (AQI) AQI Today: Not available
Pollen Index (Yesterday) Reading: Main offender: Not available

Today, becoming cloudy, breezy, spotty drizzle, rain in the afternoon. High 50. Wind south to southeast 12-22 mph. Tonight, windy, heavy rain, thunder, patchy fog. Low 44.

Now Open

New location at the New Carrollton Metro Station.

Our convenient new Greyhound® terminal located at the New Carrollton Metro Station makes it easy to travel to cities across the country like New York City, Philadelphia, Annapolis and Atlantic City. We have buses rolling morning, noon and night so you can leave when you're ready. And with our affordable walk-up fares, you never have to plan ahead to get a good deal.

New Carrollton Metro Station
4200 Garden City
New Carrollton, MD 20784
(located along U.S. 50 & I-495)

Call 1-800-231-2222 or visit greyhound.com

nonstop free entertainment

Express brings you free entertainment news every weekday. Now, it also offers you free entertainment.

Enter today for your chance to win a pass to see an advanced screening of "Mona Lisa Smile" at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, at a Washington, D.C. theatre. 100 lucky winners will each win an "Admit Two" pass. Winners will be notified by Friday, December 12.

express
A publication of The Washington Post

REVOLUTION STUDIOS **COLUMBIA PICTURES**

To enter, e-mail your name, address, and telephone number to contest@readexpress.com
For contest rules, call PostHaste at 202-334-9000 enter category 8050. Entries must be received by Thursday, December 11.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

I WAS REALLY ANGERED by Kendra Hill's letter (Dec. 9) supporting a smoking ban in D.C. Ms. Hill argued that it would make bars, clubs and pool halls more attractive to non-smokers, and that the employees at such locales would be protected from secondhand smoke.

Nobody is restricted from opening a smoke-free bar or club to meet non-smokers' demands; nor are any employees forced to work in an environment that is harmful.

I, a committed non-smoker, sincerely hope that this proposed ban is struck down. We must protect ourselves before "councils" start making more and more choices for us.

—CRISTIAN VIDRASCU
Arlington, Va.

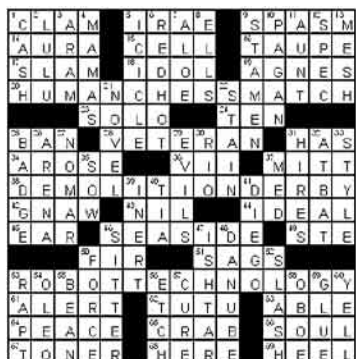
METRO THINKS it's prepared for the winter? ("Metro Says It's Ready for Inclement Weather," Dec. 5.) I beg to differ. On Dec. 5, one snowflake caused Red Line commuters to wait 30 minutes for a train during rush hour. By congratulating itself with embarrassingly miscalculated scores in escalator service ("Metro Gives Itself a Perfect Score," Dec. 1) and winter readiness, Metro is proudly asserting that the one area in which it truly excels is denial.

—MATT BAILER
Camp Springs, Md.

WRITE TO EXPRESS

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. Submissions may be edited for space. E-mail to inbox@readexpress.com or mail to Express Letters, PO Box 17370, Arlington, VA 22216.

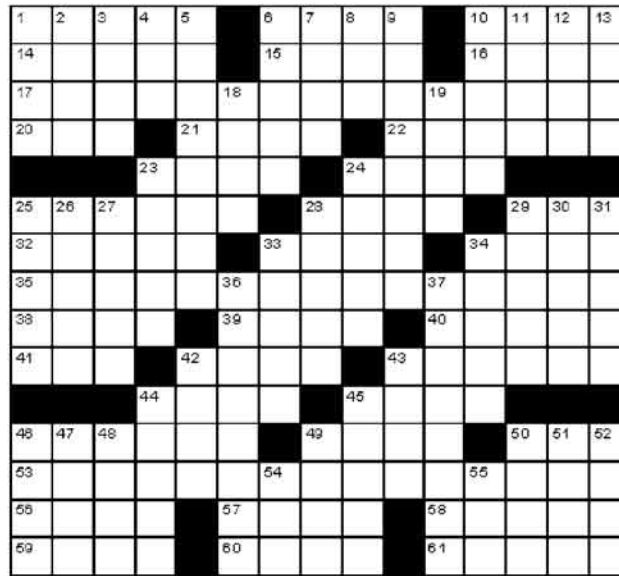
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Three Squares | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Book of memories
- 6 Strip of concrete
- 10 Played the pigeon
- 14 Light wood
- 15 One-time Italian coin
- 16 It's entered in court
- 17 Life, for one
- 20 Swerve off course
- 21 It's right on your map
- 22 Genuflects
- 23 St. Louis landmark
- 24 ___ gin fizz
- 25 Preacher's podium
- 28 Gunpowder and Twinings
- 29 Understood, as a punch line
- 32 Sarah's son
- 33 Throws chips in
- 34 Steady stare
- 35 Certain soup carrier
- 38 Crater, for one
- 39 "A Lamp ___ My Feet"
- 40 House coat?
- 41 Scheming
- 42 Increase by
- 43 "Windmills of the Gods" author Sheldon
- 44 .001 inch lengths



DOWN

- 4 Statistics calculation
- 46 The "se" in per se
- 49 Hospital staffer
- 50 Seek to learn
- 53 Night on the town, perhaps
- 56 "National Velvet" author Bagnold
- 57 Granola ingredients

- 58 Off-white
- 59 Easily duped sorts
- 60 Steed's pace
- 61 Some candy shapes
- 1 Advice icon
- 2 "Doctor Zhivago" heroine
- 3 Squandered, as a lead

- 4 NAFTA ratifier
- 5 Earn tons of money for
- 6 Cut, as prices
- 7 Tip, nautically
- 8 Earth's core?
- 9 Strong reaction
- 10 Shopaholic's activity
- 11 Nautical word

- 12 Best Actress of 1963
- 13 Guys' quests
- 18 It's true
- 19 Genesis name
- 23 Speedily
- 24 Heated argument
- 25 Rx supply
- 26 Run-of-the-mill
- 27 Gangling
- 28 Tutorial tomes
- 29 Urchin
- 30 Fragile layer
- 31 Easily irked
- 33 Year-end reward, maybe
- 34 Test result?
- 36 Like Jeremiah of song
- 37 Rampant
- 42 Huge amount
- 43 Scotch mixer
- 44 Patches up
- 45 Central part
- 46 Bad time for Caesar
- 47 Tuneful Turner
- 48 Cutting sound
- 49 Debate side
- 50 Company with a "calling" calling
- 51 Puppy's papa
- 52 ESC, ALT, etc.
- 54 Motorists' org.
- 55 Female gametes

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — It may take some time before you realize which issues are important, and which merely serve to distract you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — That which seems satisfactory to others may not be so to you. It will be up to you to see that everyone works for something better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — What you know of those around you will be of use to you throughout the day. What you do not know may threaten to harm you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You should be able to tend to routine duties early in the day and get down to the things you really enjoy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You will not have to travel very far to free yourself from the expectations of others. Liberation may be just around the corner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A childhood memory will return to you, and lead you to a decision that may take you and those around you by surprise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A major revelation is just around the corner. Don't feel bad if you find yourself in the dark about one thing or another.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If everything makes sense, you can be sure that you're missing an important piece of information that would complicate matters.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your expertise is sure to be trusted by many. Only a few will really recognize your true value to the cause.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may not want to put your own personal stamp on your activities, as you have a very real reason for being overlooked right now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — A rundown of the day's events will tell you that you're in for some excitement; take care that you look carefully ahead during the morning.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Difficulty with someone you once trusted implicitly will upset you. Don't let it get the better of you. Remain in control.

LIVE ONLINE

Getting Fit

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

MARTY GALLAGHER, a World Powerlifting Champion and fitness expert, was online Tuesday to talk about losing weight and building muscle.

Despite eating a relatively healthy diet, I have never been a calorie counter and it depresses me to start. Is the five- to six-meal approach really better than the regular three meals per day?

I would suggest a primitive yet effective method: Eat less at every feeding. Keep constant and keep constantly cutting. At some point, you'll start to head down in scale weight. Hold this amount of food and layer on some progressive resistance and cardio exercise. The trick is to not slash calories so far and so dramatically that you "go catabolic" and lose muscle mass.

I typically use the elliptical machine each time I go to the gym for about 40 minutes, but I'm wondering if I'll become stagnant if I do the same cardio routine each day.

You have to periodically alter the progressive resistance portion of the fitness tripod — ditto the cardio and ditto the diet. If you insist on using the same methodology over and over, ad infinitum, the body will neutralize the benefits in no time flat. Never end a regimen that's yielding results, but never carry on past the point of diminishing returns.

Coach, can you comment on session "pace." How much rest between sets, etc.?

The idea is to rest long enough to be at 100 percent capacity for the upcoming set. Resting too long allows you to get cold and lose timing and explosiveness. Going too quickly cuts into the sheer poundage you can handle or amount of reps you can perform.

If by resting another minute I can squeeze out two more reps, then by God I'm gonna take that extra rest.

Today on Live Online

2 P.M. Author Walter Shapiro discusses his book, "One-Car Caravan: On the Road with the 2004 Democrats Before America Tunes In."

express

A Publication of The Washington Post

CHRISTOPHER MA—PUBLISHER | ARNIE APPLEBAUM—GENERAL MANAGER | DAN CACCAVARO—MANAGING EDITOR | EDITORS—JODI BAFUNDO, GREG BARBER, ARION BERGER, HOLLY MORRIS, MATT SWENSON, KIMBERLY TABOR | DESIGN—LIZ YAP | PRODUCTION—MATTHEW LIDDI | PHOTO—MARCIA HARDER | COPY CHIEF—COLLEEN MARZEC | CONTENT DEVELOPERS—DANNY FREEDMAN, DARONA WILLIAMS | EDITORIAL INTERN—ANDREA COHEN | PUBLISHED BY EXPRESS PUBLICATIONS COMPANY, LLC PO BOX 17370 ARLINGTON, VA 22216 | A SUBSIDIARY OF THE WASHINGTON POST COMPANY | MAIN NUMBER: 703-469-2800 | FAX: 703-469-2831 | CIRCULATION INQUIRIES: 202-334-6992 OR E-MAIL CIRCULATION@READEXPRESS.COM | ADVERTISING INQUIRIES: CALL BOB KEENAN AT 202-334-6025 OR E-MAIL ADS@READEXPRESS.COM.



No matter where you fly these days, it seems that every airline is trying to be like Spirit.
But why fly an airline that's trying to be like us, when you can fly the real thing?



Fly from Washington D.C./Reagan National to:

For Travel:	Dec. 1 - 17, 2003 Jan. 5 - Feb. 6, 2004	Dec. 18, 2003 - Jan 4, 2003
Cancun.....	\$114	\$139
<small>(service starts 12/18/03)</small>		
Ft.Lauderdale.....	\$62	\$84

For Travel:	Dec. 1 - 17, 2003 Jan. 5 - Feb. 6, 2004	Dec. 18, 2003 - Jan 4, 2003
San Juan.....	\$118	\$143

spiritair.com

Fares are available on SPIRITAIR.COM only. Tickets must be purchased by 12/18/03. Fares are each way based on round-trip purchase and are inclusive of a \$5 internet discount. Fares do not include (a) a federal excise tax of up to \$3.00 per U.S. domestic flight segment of a passenger's itinerary: a flight segment is defined as one takeoff and landing; (b) up to \$18 per round trip in local airport charges; and (c) September 11th Security Fee of \$2.50 per enplanement originating at a U.S. airport, up to \$5 per one way or \$10 per round trip. Cancun and Puerto Rico fares do not include government taxes and fees of up to \$108 per round trip. Fares are subject to availability and may not be available on all flights on all days. Certain restrictions apply. Black out dates: 12/22/03, 12/23/03, 12/29/03 and 12/30/03.